

CHURCH

OF THE

✦ ASCENSION, ✦

LOMBARD STREET,

ABOVE ELEVENTH,

PHILADELPHIA.



YEAR BOOK,

1880-1.

OFFICERS.

RECTOR,

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A.

WARDENS,

GEORGE G. WISE, M. D., *Rector's Warden.*

ROGER KEYS, M. D., *Accounting Warden.*

VESTRYMEN,

CHARLES A. HESS,

ALBERT C. ROBERTS, Jr.,

JOSEPH H. MARTIN,

GEORGE W. REED,

CHARLES M. BURNS,

Admiral D. M. FAIRFAX,

ISAAC STARR,

CHARLES B. NANCREDE, M. D.

SAMUEL WETHERILL,

J. EDWARD CARPENTER.

STEWART MITCHELL, *Sexton.*

CHOIR.

CHOIR MASTER,
RICHARD BALL DODSON.

ORGANIST,
EDWARD VOLMER.

Basses,

Chas. B. Nancrede, M.D., Henry Volmer,
Horace Carpenter, A. E. Ware.

Tenors,

Wm. A. Douglas, L. McNeely,
Thos. Bolster.

Altos,

Samuel Fulton, Edward Hiller.

Sopranos,

Isaac Starr, Jr.,	Edwin Humphreys,
Harry Kinzle,	Wm. Kinzle,
Theodore Kinzle,	Wm. Jones,
Frank Kemon,	Geo. Spear,
Wm. Norton,	Bayard Coleman,
Arlie Moore,	Frank K. Burns,
Frank Smith,	Wm. Bucher.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS.

- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
3.30 P. M.—Choral Litany and Instruction.
7.45 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

DAILY.

- 10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer, from October to June. Wednesday and Friday, June to October.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer during Lent.
7.45 P. M.—Wednesday, from October to June, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

HOLY DAYS.

- 7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion on First Sunday of each month from Advent to Trinity, and on Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday and All Saints Day.
10.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.
Sunday School 9.30 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.
Industrial School, Saturday from November to Easter, 10.30 A. M.
Mothers' Meeting, November to Easter, Wednesday, 8.45 P. M.

STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1881.

Baptisms—Adults,	2	
Infants,	23	
	—	25
Confirmed,		17
Communicants added, new,	8	
Received from other parishes,	99	
	—	107
Removed,		2
Present Number,		140
Marriages,		2
Burials,		7
Services, Sundays,	127	
Week days,	214	
Total,	—	341
Average attendance Sundays,		324
“ “ Week days,		31
Celebrations of the Holy Communion,		
Public,	51	
Private,	5	
Total,	—	56
Number of Communions made,		982
“ Sermons preached,		186
Children Catechised (times),		26
Number of families known to the Rector,		128
“ individuals,		350
“ scholars in Sunday Schools,		125
“ Bible Classes,		12
“ Industrial School,		80

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms—Chests, Guilds, and individual contribu- tions (all being free-will offerings),	\$2,518 33
Pew Rents,	196.50
Entertainment,	51.55
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	\$2,766.38

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries, Clergy and Sexton,	\$ 987.25
Music,	199.81
Miscellaneous,	628.12
Repairs and improvements,	824.48
Convention Fund,	20.00
Payment of debt,	66.80
Charities—	
Poor,	\$72.25
Sunday Schools,	46.45
Domestic Missions,	64.50
Foreign “	7.00
Freedmen “	9.50
Indian “	27 00
Episcopal Hospital,	5.00
Bibles and Prayer Books	9.00
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	240.70

\$2,967.16

ANALYSIS OF OFFERTORY.

Showing the sums in which it was received, the record beginning the last week in November, 1880.

1	Offering of	\$100 00	\$100 00
5	"	50 00	250 00
10	"	25 00	250 00
8	"	20 00	160 00
4	"	15 00	60 00
24	"	10 00	240 00
1	"	7 50	7 50
1	"	7 00	7 00
2	"	6 00	12 00
37	"	5 00	185 00
1	"	3 00	3 00
2	"	2 50	5 00
17	"	2 00	34 00
180	"	1 00	180 00
188	"	50	94 00
1075	"	25	268 75
1316	"	10	131 60
1745	"	05	87 25
472	"	03	14 16
5116	"	01	51 16

\$2,140 42

No classified record of..... 377 91

Total..... \$2,518 33

The Church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer which is not occupied at the time. The Church depends for its support entirely upon the free-will offerings of the worshippers made through the offertory at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability, as a voluntary offering what in another Church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight. All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the Church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, &c. Alms chests are placed in the vestibules of the Church to receive offerings of special purposes, the poor, missions, improvements, &c.

In order to comply with the charter of the Church which prescribes that the Vestry shall be elected by those who "have paid two consecutive years for a pew or sitting," the nominal charge of \$1, for an *unassigned* sitting, or \$4 for a pew is made, which persons desiring to qualify themselves to vote for Vestrymen must pay annually to the Warden.

The present Rector assumed charge of the

Church on the last Monday in November, 1880, and this book is presented to the members of the congregation as a report of what has been accomplished since then, and an explanation of the methods of work which have been adopted. This is shown by the statistics and reports of the Guilds. The sum of \$824.48 reported as expended in improvements was paid for necessary repairs to the Church building, in alterations in the chancel to accommodate a surplised choir, in removing the organ from the gallery and repairing it, in building a new staircase and approach from the Vestry, the purchase and fixture of a brass corona for the chancel, &c.

In addition to the various articles of furniture or decorations reported as made or provided by members of the Guilds, the following articles have been given or loaned for the use of the Church: mahogany Altar, super Altar and Credence, walnut pulpit, altar rail and lectern, two brass altar crosses, wooden altar cross, brass altar desk, pair of brass flower vases, brass alms receiver, brass rod and dosel hanging for back of altar, panel for pulpit, 25 kneeling benches for Church, 1 ditto for Litany desk, the re-covering of the cushions for altar rail, 1 white silk and bead book marker, white silk for altar cloth, red silk for super frontal and pulpit fall, silk

fringe for ditto, 1 fair linen cloth for altar, 1 corporal, 1 linen chalice veil, 1 chalice pall, 3 purificators, 1 red silk stole, 1 piece of Spanish lace for altar, white silk for chalice veil and burse, china jar and glass mirror for vestry, photograph of Bishop Odenheimer, 83 books for Sunday-school library, over 200 books and 1100 magazines and copies of illustrated papers for parish library, about 150 copies of Church papers and magazines for the Bible classes and missionary boxes, 11 dozen hat hooks and screws for choir and school rooms, 100 boxes for candies, over 30 lbs. of cake and 100 small cakes, and basket of fruit for Sunday-school festival, 300 copies of programme for Easter festival.

A member of the Vestry had the front of the gallery and ornamental borders round the windows painted, and seven gas standards and brackets in the Church re-polished. The Choir Master presented two silver medals to the most proficient boys in the choir. Eight thimbles, 15 baskets, 13 pictures, 100 Easter cards and 4 handsomely-bound prayer books were presented to the children of the schools as prizes.

The services of the entire choir from November to August were volunteer. Male members of the congregation having good voices, and who are willing to give their ser-

vices, will find it a good way of cultivating their voices, at the same time making use of them.

The Parish library is open every Wednesday evening for the distribution of books and magazines. Donations of standard works, good Church books, pamphlets, magazines and illustrated papers are needed; and persons taking Church papers are requested to send them, after reading, to the Church for distribution to the members of the Bible classes.

The sum of \$170 is now in hand towards providing a new stained glass window for the chancel. Additional offerings for this purpose and for the further improvement of the Church are asked for.

A report of all offerings received is placed each week on the notice boards in the vestibules of the Church.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

MASTER.

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,

Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All female communicants of the Parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the Church, but not communicants, may become members, upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary.—Festival of Sts. Simon and Jude.

MISSIONARY CHAPTER.

The members of this Chapter represent the Parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the Committees of the Women's Auxiliary to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds,

and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

MEMBERS.

Domestic Missions.

Mrs. DeHaven,
Mrs. Roger Keys.

Foreign Missions.

Mrs. W. H. Webb,
Mrs. J. E. Carpenter.

Freedmen Missions.

Mrs. G. W. Hodge,
Miss Meta Lisle.

Indian Mission

Mrs. Richard Biddle, (*associate.*)
Miss E. C. Zantzing.

REPORTS.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected \$42 40 This was expended in the purchase of a coat and vest for a clergyman, six sheets, two table cloths, twelve pillow cases, and some material for under-clothing; which together with a comfortable, portfolio, doll, toys, work basket, twelve handkerchiefs, two sacques, four pairs of hose, six towels, two pairs mittens, two hoods, twenty-one women and children's dresses, thirteen pieces of under-clothing, five pants and vests

for men, three coats, six shirts, eighteen collars and cuffs, two pairs of boots, three pairs shoes, and several packages of canned goods, all of which were donated, constituted a box valued at \$146 72, which was sent to a missionary clergyman in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

A member of this committee also subscribed \$10, towards the support of a "woman helper" in the Hospital in the Bishop of Oregon's jurisdiction.

Another has collected \$5, for the Female Prayer-book Society.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected \$7 00, which was given to the Foreign Committee of the women's auxiliary for Pennsylvania

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected \$9 50 This was sent to missions in the Southern States, through the Freedmen's Committee of the women's auxiliary.

Indian Committee.

Money collected \$27.00 This was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association of Philadelphia.

BENEFICIAL CHAPTER.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the Rector that they may be attended to, and if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting.

MEMBERS.

Miss Jane Hewson, Mrs. Dr. Nancrede, Mrs. G. H. Haverstick, Mrs. Spear, Miss Lisle, Miss McCauley.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have visited the poorer families in the congregation, have endeavored to supply their physical wants, and to benefit them spiritually. One of them has also had charge of the cutting out and distribution of work. This was given out during the winter months to some thirteen women after the service on Wednesday evenings. Number of pieces cut out and made up, 250. The following donations of material were received for this purpose: 27 yards of white muslin, 148 yards of unbleached muslin, 50 yards of Canton flannel, 61 yards of grey flannel, 98 yards of gingham, 85½ yards of chintz, 2 dozen cotton. In addition to which 12 pounds of tea, and 6

jars of beef essence were given. Making a total money value of \$51.25. 3 tons of coal, and ½ cord of wood were given to needy families. Also 150 pieces of clothing of various kinds were received and distributed.

Donations of money, materials, clothing, shoes, or any articles of household or wearing apparel will be thankfully received by the members of this Chapter. They can be sent to the Church any day in the week before 12 M., or the Sexton if notified will call for them.

Orders also for sewing, or other sorts of female work are solicited.

WORKING CHAPTER.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for Missionary boxes, and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. DeHaven, Mrs. Keys, Mrs. Benners, Miss Wurts, Miss Goldsborough, Miss Mooney, Mrs. Hess, Miss Rousseau, Miss Jane B. Hewson, Miss Marot, Miss Atwood, Misses Benners, Mrs. Neilson, Mrs. McRae, Miss Hendry, Mrs. Haverstick, Misses Parmelee, Miss Gibson.

REPORT.

The following donations of material were

received: 89½ yards of muslin, 17 yards of Canton flannel, 10½ yards of sheeting, 6¾ yds. of table linen, 6¾ yards of percale, all of which was cut out and made up by the members of this Chapter, forming in all, 28 pieces of women and children's under-clothing, 10 pieces of men's under-clothing, 12 pillow cases, 6 sheets, and 2 table cloths.

Donations of materials or money for the purchase of material, may be given to any member of this Chapter, or sent to the Church any day before noon. One member will be in attendance every Wednesday during the winter months, after morning prayer, to give out work, which any one willing to assist in the work can take home, returning it the following week.

ALTAR CHAPTER.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the Altar, Clergy and Choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and Missionary Churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Decatur Smith (associate), Mrs. Samuel Wetherill, Mrs. DeHaven, Miss Emma DeHaven, Miss Kate DeHaven (asso.

ciate), Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Goodman, Mrs. Haverstick, Mrs. and Miss Keys, Miss C. Mudge, Miss Atwood, Miss Hendry, Miss Bessie Rousseau, Mrs. Neilson, Miss Larzalere (associate), Miss Matilda Gibson, Mrs. Miligan, (associate), Misses Arnold (associates), Mrs. McRae, Mrs. Groome (associate), Miss Shoemaker, Mrs. Uhle (associate), Miss Hettie Biddle (associate), Mrs. T. B. Allen, Miss Chamberlaine, Misses Benners, Mrs. W. H. Webb.

REPORTS.

Vestment Committee.

Money collected \$76.19. The material for 25 surplices and 28 cassocks, was purchased, cut out and made up, by the members of this committee. They have also had the care of, and paid for the washing of all the vestments, and all the altar linen of the Church. They have also made two green cloth altar protectors, and executed orders for two priest surplices.

One member has had care of the altar vessels.

Flower Committee.

Money received \$37.50. This was expended in flowers for Christmas and Easter day, and in providing two bouquets for the

altar for all the Sundays and holy days of the year. In addition to which one member provided flowers for the Font on Easter and Low Sundays, at which times, and on several occasions during the summer special offerings of flowers by members of the congregation and others were sent. On Ascension day the church was decorated with wild flowers collected by members of the committee.

Donations of money for flowers should be given to Miss Jane B. Hewson, treasurer, and persons wishing to provide flowers for special occasions are requested to notify her beforehand.

Embroidery Committee.

A class for the cultivation of ecclesiastical embroidery met every Saturday during the winter, from 12 to 1 P. M.

The following articles have been made and embroidered: Violet super frontal for altar and fall for pulpit, violet chalice veil and burse, and two violet stoles, red silk fall for pulpit, white silk super frontal for altar and fall for pulpit, and two white silk stoles, two green silk ditto, 4 red cloth mats for alms plates, three green silk markers, three white silk ditto, three violet silk ditto, one fair linen cloth for altar, one corporal, one man-

iple, two purificators, linen alb, chasuble, amice and girdle, one linen chalice veil and pall, linen baptismal napkin. The class has also been engaged in making up a green silk and velvet altar cloth, pulpit fall and chalice veil and burse, which are not yet completed.

The materials for all the above were presented by members of the congregation, or purchased by money obtained by the class for orders they have executed for two surplices, and one black silk stole.

The class will meet this winter on Wednesday mornings, immediately after morning prayers. Any members of the congregation desiring to learn ecclesiastical embroidery are invited to join it.

Decoration Committee.

Several members of the Chapter assisted in painting the Chancel. One member painted a red silk banner for the Sunday-school. Several others dressed the Church with flowers at the festivals.

SCHOOL CHAPTER.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Haverstick, Miss Wurts, Misses Mudge, Miss McCauley, Miss Spear, Mrs. and Miss Keys, Miss Rousseau, Miss Price, Miss Parmelee, Miss Janvier, (asso.), Miss Gibbs, (asso.), Miss McRae, Miss Jane Hewson, Miss Marot, Miss Goldsborough, Miss Atwood, Mrs. and Miss McLean, (assos.), Miss Arnold, (asso.), Miss Kate De Haven. (asso.), Mrs. Richard Biddle, (asso.), Mrs. W. H. Webb, Miss Perkes, Miss Holt.

REPORT.

Two members of this Chapter, assisted occasionally by two others, have taught two girls' Bible Classes on Sunday morning at 9.30 A. M. Two have charge of an infant school, and the rest have taught in the main Sunday-school, or in the industrial school, which was held on Saturday mornings, from January till Easter, for an hour and a half after morning prayer. One other has taught a class in the sewing school of St. Luke's Church.

Money collected for the expenses of the Industrial School, \$10; garments made by the scholars, 75; number of decorated Easter eggs given to the scholars, 14 dozen.

A Festival was also provided for the children of all the schools at Christmas.

A member of this Chapter has played the melodeon in the Sunday-school and at the Sunday afternoon service throughout the greater part of the year. Another has led the singing in the Sunday-school and at the Wednesday night service.

MEN'S GUILD.**MASTER.**

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERSHIP.

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The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters, having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its

Head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.
Anniversary.—All Saints Day.

BENEFICIAL CHAPTER.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master, to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed, and to report those who are in need, and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS.

Dr. R. Keys, Dr. G. G. Wise, Dr. C. B. Nancrede, Dr. T. H. Bradford, Mr. G. W. Reed, Mr. J. B. Uhle, (asso.) Mr. C. Gedney King.

REPORT.

One physician has paid 10 professional visits and received 6 office visits, another 31 professional visits and 2 office visits. This does not include all the charity work done by the physicians who are members of the Guild, but simply what they have done for persons connected with the Parish.

One member has attended to a legal case, and another investigated a case of distress. Another has taken an active part in conducting the Working Men's Club in connection with the Church of the Crucifixion. Two situations were found for boys.

SCHOOL CHAPTER.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday-schools and Bible-classes.

MEMBERS.

Mr. Geo. W. Reed, Mr. F. S. Keese, Mr. Isaac Starr, Mr. G. H. Haverstick, Mr. W. H. Horsey, Mr. W. C. Atwood, Mr. H. A. Phillips, (asso.), Mr. J. B. Uhle (asso.), Mr. Thomas Bolster, Mr. C. Gedney King, Mr. J. D. Henderson, Mr. F. M. Campbell, Mr. Henry F. Parker.

REPORT.

Two members of this Chapter have acted as superintendents of the Sunday-school. Three have taught a young men's Bible-class, one has had charge of the Sunday-school library, and the rest have taught classes in the Sunday-school. One taught a boys' class in the Industrial School.

LAY HELPERS' CHAPTER.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as Lay Readers, District Visitors, volunteers in the Choir, Attendants for the Sick, Bearers at Funerals, Assistants in decorating the Church for Festivals, &c.

MEMBERS.

Dr. G. G. Wise, Dr. Nancrede, Mr. Henry Volmer, Mr. Isaac Starr, Mr. R. B. Dodson, (asso.), Mr. Horace Carpenter (asso.), Mr. Edw. Martin, Mr. Thos. Bolster, Mr. James Wadlow, Mr. Elbert Rousseau, Mr. W. H. Atwood, Mr. Joseph Wiley, Mr. Robert Wilson (asso.), Mr. L. McNeily (asso.), Mr. Clator Montgomery (asso.), Mr. H. A. Phillips (asso.), Mr. W. A. Douglas, Mr. Ashbel Ware, Mr. J. M. Kerns (asso.), Mr. Louis Volmer, Mr. Edward Volmer, Mr. Robt. Neilson, (asso.).

REPORT.

One member of this Chapter has acted as Choir Master. Eighteen others have sung at different times, and more or less regularly in the choir. In addition to whom several others, whose names are not given above, sang in the augmented choir on Easter and Low Sundays. On which occasions two gave their services in playing a violin and violon-

cello. One has played the melodeon at the Wednesday night service.

One member has, with the assistance of some members of the Women's Guild, repainted and decorated the entire chancel, also made and painted the Reredos for the Altar, with the exceptions of the panels containing the figures which were drawn by another member of this Chapter. The same member made the walnut super altar for the Altar in the Chapel, and two wooden almshouses for the Vestibules. Another painted the organ case, and gilded the gas standards in the gallery. Another painted a white silk banner for the Sunday School. Another acted as librarian of the Parish library. Another printed 75 blanks for reports of offerings, 200 blanks for record of the choir music and labels for the choir books. Another printed 500 labels for the Parish library. Several assisted in dressing the Church for Christmas and for the funeral of the late President.

MISSIONARY CHAPTER.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to promote an interest in Missions, to disseminate information in reference to them, and to assist in the collection of funds for their support.

This Chapter has not been organized.



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" " *H. O. DuBois*

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SAMUEL WETHERILL,

J. EDWARD CARPENTER,

THOMAS SINNICKSON,

GEORGE H. HAVERSTICK,

FRANCIS S. KEESE.

STEWART MITCHELL, *Sexton.*

* Deceased.

CHOIR.

CHOIR MASTER,
HENRY F. VOLMER.

ORGANIST,
EDWARD VOLMER.

Basses,

C. B. Nancrede, M.D.,	Henry F. Volmer,
William H. Cope,	A. E. Ware,
James Wadlow,	J. C. Montgomery.

Tenors,

Oliver Munns,	Louis McNeely,
John M. Kerns,	Chas. H. Stouffer.

Alto,

Samuel Fulton.

Sopranos,

Isaac Starr, Jr.,	Wm. Kinzle,
Harry Kinzle,	Wm. Jones,
Theodore Kinzle,	Frank K. Burns,
Wm. Norton,	Wm. Bucher,
Arlie Moore,	Lawrence Harper,
Charles Walters,	Joseph Barton,
Wm. Hebden,	Walter Burns,
Mark Jones.	

SERVICES.

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

3.30 P. M.—Choral Litany and Instruction.
7.45 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

DAILY.

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer, from October to June. (Wednesday and Friday, June to October.)

5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer, ~~during Lent~~.
7.45 P. M.—Wednesday, from October to June, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

HOLY DAYS.

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion on First Sunday of each month from Advent to Trinity, and on Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday and All Saints Day.

10.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.

Sunday School 9.45 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.
Industrial School, Saturday from November to Easter, 10.30 A. M.

The Parish Library is open, and Missionary and Dorcas Work is given out after the Wednesday evening service during the winter.

STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1882.

Baptisms—Adults,.....	2	
Infants,	27	
Confirmed,.....	—	29
Communicants added, new,.....	18	19
Received from other parishes, ..	44	
	—	62
Died.....		7
Removed		5
Present Number.....		190
Marriages.....		3
Burials.....		13
Services, Sundays,.....	162	
Week days,.....	360	
Total,.....	—	522
Average attendance, Sundays,...		264
“ “ Week days, ..		25
Celebrations of the Holy Communion,		
Public,.....	95	
Private,.....	9	
Total,.....		104
Number of Communion made, ..	1815	
“ Sermons preached,...	231	
Children Catechised (times),	72	
Number of families known to the Rector,	145	
“ individuals,.....	400	
“ scholars in Sunday Schools, ..	100	
“ “ Bible Classes, ..	20	
“ “ Industrial School, ..	86	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1882.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms-Chests, Guilds, and individual contribu- tions (all being free-will offerings),	\$2,950.21
Pew Rents.....	95.25
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	\$3,045.46

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries, Clergy and Sexton.....	\$1,320.62
Music	343.67
Miscellaneous.....	380.73
Repairs and Improvements.....	205.06
Convention Fund.....	30.00
Payment of Debt.....	286.95
Charities—	
Poor... ..	\$70.15
Sunday Schools.....	55.00
Domestic Missions.....	80.69
Foreign “	18.00
Freedmen “	9.00
Indian “	25.00
Diocesan “	15.00
Episcopal Hospital.....	32.00
Female Prayer-Book Soc’y. ..	11.00
Parish Library.....	3.33
Free Church Association..	42.62
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	361.79

\$2,928.82

ANALYSIS OF OFFERTORY.

Showing the sums in which it was received.

5	Offerings of \$50.00.....	\$ 250.00
2	" 30.00.....	60.00
5	" 25.00.....	125.00
4	" 20.00.....	80.00
1	" 15.00.....	15.00
14	" 10.00.....	140.00
1	" 6.00.....	6.00
67	" 5.00.....	335.00
4	" 2.50.....	10.00
44	" 2.00.....	88.00
1	" 1.50.....	1.50
378	" 1.00.....	378.00
333	" 50.....	166.50
968	" 25.....	492.00
2557	" 10.....	255.70
3420	" 05.....	171.00
994	" 03.....	29.82
9877	" 01.....	98.77
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19601		\$2,756.21
No classified record of.....		194.00
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Total.....		\$2,950.21

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10 books and 130 pamphlets for the Parish library, 32 books and 100 pamphlets for the Sunday-school library, and a large number of copies of "Youth's Companion," "Der Sonntagsgast," "Churchman," "Living Church," "Register," and "Standard" for distribution in the schools and Bible-classes.

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the same, were all given by various members of the congregation. A piece of white silk for a chalice veil and burse, two real palm leaves for Palm Sunday, stationery for the parish library, stamps, ink, etc., for books of library, ice for the Vestry room on Sundays throughout the entire year, were donations from friends of the Parish.

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The Rector must express his gratification at the amount of work that has been done in the past year, and at the zeal and liberality manifested by the members of the congregation. And he trusts that each year's report will show an increase in numbers, in strength, and in good accomplished by the parish.

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Freedmen Missions.

Mrs. G. W. Hodge,
Mrs. R. S. Lewis.

Indian Missions.

Miss E. C. Zantzinger,
Mrs. Augustus Jackson.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$47.50; of this sum \$5 was paid towards the support of a sister in the hospital at Portland, Oregon, and the remainder was expended in the following garments and material for missionary boxes: Suit of clothes, shirts, one half dozen towels, crash, blankets, dress, shoes, collars and cuffs, flannel, stockings, and in paying for barrels, freight and portage. In addition to which the following new or slightly worn garments were received: Clothes for women 33, for men 8, for girls 33, for boys 12, together with 2 wrappers, 12 small dresses, 9

hats and bonnets, 6 pairs cotton stockings, 6 pairs knit stockings, 4 pairs knit mitts, 10 handkerchiefs, 4 boxes of canned meats, 2 jars of jelly, box of Albert biscuit, 3 pounds of tea, 3 pounds sugar plums, 3 books and a number of magazines; all of which constituted two boxes, one sent to Mobile, Alabama, and the other to Florence, Alabama, the total value of which was \$202.83.

A member of the congregation also collected \$11 for the Female Prayer Society.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected \$18, which was expended through the Foreign Committee of the Women's Auxiliary in insuring the lives of Missionaries.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected \$8, expended chiefly in a Missionary box which was sent to a school in Virginia. A surplice and black silk stole were also sent to Missionaries among the colored people in Virginia.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$25. This was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association of Philadelphia.

BENEFICIAL CHAPTER.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the Rector that they may be attended to, and if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting.

MEMBERS.

Miss Jane Hewson, Mrs. Dr. Nancrede, Mrs. G. H. Haverstick, Mrs. Spear, Miss Lisle, Miss McCauley, Mrs. Gordon (associate).

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have endeavored to supply the wants of the more needy in the congregation. They have received the following donations for their work : 115 yards of muslin, 42 yards of canton flannel, and 50 yards of gingham and chintz, which was cut out and given away for the making ; 150 different garments being thus made up. In addition to which some 200 articles of clothing have been received for distribution, together with 5 turkeys, 2 pairs of chickens, 4 pounds of tea, 6 pounds of sugar, 4 jars of beef essence. Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were provided for two families.

Situations have been found for ten girls and for one boy. Five tons of coal were re-

ceived from one of the fuel societies for needy families of the congregation. Money expended, \$25.15.

WORKING CHAPTER.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for Missionary boxes, and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. DeHaven, Miss Wurts, Miss Goldsborough, Mrs. Hess, Miss Jane B. Hewson, Miss Gibson, Mrs. Gordon (associate), Misses Chamberlaine, Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Hiller, Mrs. Munns, Miss Wellwood (associate), Mrs. Starr, Mrs. McPhail, Miss Gibbs, Miss Bryson, Miss Benners and Miss Stouffer (asso'te).

REPORT.

The following donations of material were received : 3 full pieces of bleached muslin, 10 yards of pillow case muslin, 15 yards of sheeting, 4 yards of flannel, 11 yards dress goods, 16 yards of percale, 4 yards of calico, 6 yards of towels, 6 table napkins, 1 large piece of cotton, 5 yards of cotton, all of which was cut out and made up by the members of this Chapter, forming in all 92 garments, which were put in the various boxes sent by the Missionary Chapter.

Two members copied music for the Choir.

ALTAR CHAPTER.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the Altar, Clergy and Choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and Missionary Churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Decatur Smith (associate), Mrs. Samuel Wetherill, Mrs. DeHaven, Miss Emma DeHaven, Mrs. Keys, Miss Hewson, Mrs. Gordon (associate), Misses Gibbs, Miss Welwood (associate), Miss Wurts, Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Goodman, Mrs. Haverstick, Miss Atwood, Miss Hendry (associate), Miss Bes-sie Rousseau, Miss Matilda Gibson, Mrs. Miligan, Misses Arnold (associates), Mrs. McRae, Miss Groome (associate), Misses Benners, Mrs. W. H. Webb, Mrs. Carman, Miss Golds-borough, Miss E. Hendrey.

REPORTS.

Vestment Committee.

Money collected, \$72.29. A cassock for the Rector and 18 surplices for the Choir of the Church have been cut out and made up. Two priest's surplices and one Choir surplice have been made to order, also a fair linen cloth, chalice veil and corporal. The committee has also had the care of and paid for the

washing of all the vestments and Altar linen of the Church. One member has had the care of the Altar vessels.

Embroidery Committee.

A class for the cultivation of ecclesiastical embroidery has met weekly during the winter after morning prayer on Wednesdays. The following articles have been made and embroidered for the Church: White silk frontal for Altar, red silk super frontal for do., one white silk stole, one red silk stole, black silk chalice veil and burse, white silk chalice veil and burse, two linen credence covers, and violet dossal for Passion-tide. The green Altar cloth and hangings mentioned in the last report were completed and used for the first time during the Epiphany season. A white silk stole was also made and presented to the Rev. Mr. Hibbard, as a slight acknowledgment of his kind assistance to the Rector in some of the services during the winter.

Two members of this Chapter drew the various designs that were needed for the work.

Orders were also executed for a white silk stole, a set of alms-basin mats, the embroidering of two priest's surplices and a set of Altar linen.

Money received from orders executed and donations, \$50.25.

The class will continue to meet this winter on Wednesday mornings, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Flower Committee.

Money received, \$56.50. The committee have provided two bouquets for the altar on every Sunday and holy day throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick.

Donations of money or flowers for the purposes of this committee should be given to Miss Jane B. Hewson, Treasurer.

SCHOOL CHAPTER.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Haverstick, Miss Wurts, Miss Jackson, Miss Benners, Miss McCauley, Miss Spear, Miss B. Rousseau, Miss Price, Misses G. Gibbs, Miss McRae, Miss Jane Hewson, Miss Goldsborough, Miss Atwood, Miss Hess, Mrs. McLean, (asso.), Misses Arnold, (asso.), Mrs. Richard Biddle (asso.), Mrs. W. H.

Webb, Miss Perkes, Miss Holt, Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Adams, Miss Chamberlaine.

REPORT.

Two members of this Chapter, assisted occasionally by two others, have taught two girls' Bible-classes on Sunday. One had charge of the Infant School, and the rest have taught in the main Sunday-school, or in the Industrial School, which was held on Saturday mornings, from November till Easter, for an hour and a half after morning prayer. One has taught a class in the sewing school of St. Luke's Church, and another in the Sunday-school of St. Mark's Church.

Money collected for the expenses of the Industrial School and for the festivals, \$18.50; pieces for work made by the scholars, 50. A festival was provided for all the children of the schools at Christmas, by members of this Chapter and others interested in the schools. A special festival was given to the members of the Industrial School at its close. Prizes were distributed at Christmas and Easter.

A member of this Chapter, occasionally assisted by another, has played the melodeon at the Sunday-school and Sunday afternoon services, and another trained the children for singing at the Christmas and Easter festivals.

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Anniversary.—*All Saints Day.*

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Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS.

Dr. R. Keys, Dr. G. G. Wise, Dr. C. B. Nancrede, Dr. T. H. Bradford, Mr. C. Gedney King.

REPORT.

One physician has paid 12 professional visits, another 12, and another 28 to those members of the congregation who have been unable to engage medical attendance.

One member has continued his services in connection with the Workingmen's Club of the Church of the Crucifixion.

SCHOOL CHAPTER.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday-schools and Bible-classes.

MEMBERS.

Mr. F. S. Keese, Mr. Isaac Starr, Mr. G. H. Haverstick, Mr. C. Gedney King, Mr. F. M. Campbell, Mr. Henry F. Parker, Mr. O. Munns, Mr. W. H. Cope, Mr. J. Claytor Montgomery (asso.).

REPORT.

Two members of this Chapter have acted as superintendents of the Sunday-school. One has taught a young men's Bible-class. Another, assisted occasionally by two others, has had charge of the Sunday-school library, and the rest have taught classes in the Sunday-school, or supplied the places of the regular teachers when they have been away.

LAY HELPERS' CHAPTER.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as Lay Readers, District Visitors, volunteers in the Choir, Attendants for the Sick, Bearers at Funerals, Assistants in decorating the Church for festivals, etc.

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Dr. G. G. Wise, Dr. Nancrede, Mr. R. B. Dodson (associate), Mr. Isaac Starr, Mr. Thomas Bolster, Mr. James Wadlow, Mr. J. Clator Montgomery (associate), Mr. J. M. Kerns (associate), Mr. Louis Volmer, Mr. Robert Neilson (associate), Mr. Wm. H. Cope, Mr. Henry F. Volmer, Mr. Edward Volmer, Mr. Ashbel Ware, Mr. Wm. W. Thayer (associate), Mr. W. D. Newbold (associate), Mr. James Sayers, Mr. Walter Newman, Mr. Louis McNeely (associate).

REPORT.

One member of this Chapter has acted as Choir Master, nine others have sung in the Choir. Two played a violin and violoncello on the mornings of Christmas day and the succeeding Sunday. One has played the melodeon at the Wednesday night service during the winter and also assisted in training the children of the schools in their Christmas and Easter music.

One member has repainted portions of the vestibule and doors of the Church. Another made and painted a wooden sign board for hymns and also painted panels for the chancel of St. Thomas' Church, White-marsh. Four have at different times assisted the Rector in the services as Lay Readers. Another, occasionally assisted by others, has had charge of the Parish Library, keeping it in order and being present to give out and receive books every Wednesday evening after service. Several dressed the Church in greens at Christmas. One copied out music for the Choir. Two provided a stereopticon exhibition for the children of the schools.

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The Rev. HENRY O. DuBOIS, M. A., *Assistant.*

WARDENS,

GEORGE G. WISE, M. D., *Rector's Warden.*

ROGER KEYS, M. D., *Accounting Warden.*

VESTRYMEN,

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WILLIAM H. COPE.

STEWART MITCHELL, *Sexton.*

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CHOIR MASTER,
HENRY F. VOLMER.

ORGANIST,
EDWARD VOLMER.

Basses,

C. B. Nancrede, M. D.,	James Wadlow,
Henry F. Volmer,	William H. Cope,
A. E. Ware,	Thos. L. Wilson,
Harry Kinzle,	Rich. P. Miller.

Tenors,

Oliver Munns,	Edward L. Teakle,
Chas. H. Stouffer,	John M. Kern.

Alto,

William Jones.

Sopranos,

William Kinzle,	George Neff,
Arlie T. Moore,	William Hebden,
William K. Norton,	Frank J. Burns,
Lawrence Harper,	William Bucher,
Mark Jones,	Frank Kemon
Joseph Barton,	George Jones
Samuel Wadlow,	Waiter Burns.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
3.30 P. M.—Choral Litany and Instruction.
7.45 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

HOLY DAYS.

10.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY.

From October to June.

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5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
7.45 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture

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Sunday Schools and Bible Classes 9.45 A. M. and 3.15 P. M.

Industrial School, 10.00 A. M., Saturdays during Winter.

The Parish Library is open, and Missionary and Dorcas Work is given out after the Wednesday evening service during the winter.

STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1883.

Baptisms—Adults.....	1	
Infants.....	7	
	—	8
Confirmed.....		15
Communicants added, new.....	12	
Received from other parishes..	22	
	—	34
Died.....		3
Removed.....		15
Present Number.....	206	
Marriages.....		2
Burials.....		10
Services, Sundays.....	175	
Week days.....	340	
Total.....	—	515
Average attendance, Sundays....	231	
“ “ Week days,..	24	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion,		
Public.....	103	
Private.....	13	
Total.....	—	116
Number of Communion made....	1656	
“ Sermons preached....	227	
Children Catechized (times).....	72	
Number of families known to the Rector,	155	
“ individuals,.....	450	
“ scholars in Sunday Schools..	101	
“ “ Bible Classes....	21	
“ “ Industrial School,	71	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms-Chests, Guilds, and individual contribu- tions (all being free-will offerings, \$3,211.37	
Pew rents.....	59.00
	—
	\$3,270.37

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries, Clergy and Sexton..	\$1,468.10
Music.....	442.99
Miscellaneous.....	647.14
Repairs and Improvements.....	447.91
Convention Fund.....	30.00
Charities—	
Poor.....	\$75.02
Sunday Schools.....	61.24
Domestic Missions.....	76.74
Foreign “.....	21.50
Freedmen “.....	36.00
Indian “.....	51.00
Diocesan “.....	16.00
Episcopal Hospital.....	25.68
Female Prayer Book Soc’y	12.50
Free Church Association...	2.00
	—
	\$377.68

\$3,414.82

ANALYSIS OF OFFERTORY.

Showing the sums in which it was received.

3	Offerings of \$100.00	\$ 300.00
3	" 50.00	150.00
2	" 40.00	80.00
4	" 25.00	100.00
7	" 20.00	140.00
2	" 15.00	30.00
1	" 14.00	14.00
13	" 10.00	130.00
2	" 8.00	16.00
1	" 6.00	6.00
66	" 5.00	330.00
8	" 3.00	24.00
76	" 2.00	152.00
353	" 1.00	353.00
344	" .50	172.00
1761	" .25	440.25
2109	" .10	210.90
3241	" .05	162.05
674	" .03	20.22
8637	" .01	86.37
17307		\$2,982.56
No classified record of.		228.81
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church, two dozen mite boxes. There was also presented to the Rector a silver cup, a gold chain some pieces of silver coin, some jewels and seven dollars in money to go towards making a chalice and paten. If any members of the congregation have pieces of silver, gold or jewels they would like to consecrate in this way, they can be added to the above.

The remaining parts of the chancel window have been ordered from London, and are now daily expected. Some \$200 is still needed to pay for them.

The Rector wants particularly to thank those members of the congregation who have subscribed to the fund to provide an Assistant Minister, as it has been the greatest personal relief to him, and has added much to the efficiency of the church.

The Rector is also glad to note a steady increase each year in the amount of the offerings and in the work done by the congregation, and he invokes the active interest and assistance of all during the new Church Year, on which we are entering.

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Mrs. Augustus Jackson.

Prayer Book Society,

Mrs. Chas. A. Hess.

Report.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$62; of which \$5 was paid towards the salary of a sister in the hospital at Oregon, \$7 was sent to a missionary and his wife, and the remainder was expended in the purchase of the following articles :

14 yds of Canton flannel, 38 yds of gingham, 9½ yds of flannel, 81 yds of muslin, 8 yds of suiting, shirts, hose, pants, vests, collars, cuffs, 5 yds of damask, towels, 1 pair of blankets, 1 comfortable, needle case, brushes, combs, writing paper, 1 doz. table napkins, and in barrels, box and portorage.

The Committee also received the following donations: 2 suits of clothes, 3 pairs of merino drawers, 2 undershirts, 3 pairs men's boots, 3 pairs women's boots, 10 pairs of stockings, 12 dresses, 9 pieces men's underclothing, 15 pieces underclothing for women, 4 hats, 6 bonnets, 6 wraps, 1 shawl, 4 shirts, 1 dozen collars and cuffs, 5 skirts, 2 dozen spools white thread, 6 spools black thread, 6 of colors large package of buttons, 6 pieces of tape, 6 papers of needles, sewing silk home spun thread, paper and envelopes, box of trimming for underclothing, box of ribbons, box of flowers and feathers, neck ties, 1 doz. handkerchiefs, 6 pairs gloves, 2 pair men's gloves, suspenders, 2 sheets, 1 spread, quantity of furniture covering, paint and house towels, Afghan, carpet, lambrequins, 6 lbs. tea, 23 lbs. sugar, 8 lbs. coffee, 10 lbs. oatmeal, 10 lbs. rice, 5 lbs. grits, 8 bottles yeast powder, 6 cans tomatoes, 6 cans peaches, 1 box sugar plums, 2 cans soup, 2 cans corn beef, 2 boxes beef extract, 2 bottles of malt, cod liver oil, 1 doz. toilet soap, 4 boxes conserved peaches, bottle of cologne, beef

tongue, large piece of dried beef, number of French and Latin books, Harper's Magazine and Bazaar of 1883, Church Magazine for 18 months.

Which, together with articles made by the Working Chapter, filled two barrels, a package and a box, valued at \$187.60, sent to a missionary in Tennessee.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected \$21.50, which was expended through the Foreign Committee of the Women's Auxiliary in insuring the lives of Missionaries.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$36; which was given to work among the Freedmen through the Women's Auxiliary. A linen surplice and black silk stole embroidered, four red embroidered mats for alms plates, and a number of Sunday School leaflets and hymn books were sent to colored missions in the South.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$51. This was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association of Philadelphia.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Amount collected, \$12.50.

BENEFICIAL CHAPTER.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the Rector that they may be attended to, and if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting.

Members.

Miss Jane Hewson, Mrs. Dr. Nanerede, Mrs. G. H. Haverstick, Mrs. Fishbourne Smith, Miss Lisle, Mrs. Augustus Jackson, Miss Jackson.

Report.

The members of this Chapter have endeavored to supply the wants of the more needy in the congregation. They have received the following donations for their work: 48½ yards of muslin, 48 yards of canton flannel, 12 yards of chintz, and 36 yards of grey flannel, which was cut out and given away for the making; 50 different garments being thus made up. In addition to which some 200 articles of clothing, 8 pairs of shoes, 6 bonnets and hats have been received for distribution, together with 8 pounds of tea, 9 pounds of sugar, 4 jars of beef essence, 10 pounds grits, half a barrel of flour, and half ton of coal. Thanksgiving, Christmas and

Easter dinners were provided for two families.

A number of families were regularly visited and relieved from the Poor Fund. A quantity of clothing has been sent to the Church of the Crucifixion, in connection with which one member of this Chapter has been working, and a quantity to St. Chrysostom's Church. A wooden and paper screen was sent to the Hospital for Cripple Children. Total amount expended, \$75.02.

WORKING CHAPTER.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for Missionary boxes, and for the poor.

Members.

Mrs. DeHaven, Miss Wurts, Mrs. Hess, Miss Jane B. Hewson, Miss Gibson, Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Hiller, Mrs. Munns, Mrs. McPhail, Miss Gibbs, Miss Bryson, Miss King, Mrs. Beath, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Dickinson, Miss Hogan (associate), Miss Smith, Miss Goodman, Miss Parmelee, Miss Lloyd.

Report.

The following donations of material were received: 15 yds of muslin, 4 yds of pillow case muslin, 15 yds of sheeting, 3 yds of

flannel, 5 yds dress goods, 4 pillow cases, 4 yds of plaid material, all of which was cut and made up by the members of this Chapter. Total number garments, which were made up and put in the boxes sent by the Missionary Chapter, 93.

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for Missionary boxes, can be sent to the Church at any time, and work will be given out after the 10.00 A. M., or 7.45 P. M. service on Wednesdays during the winter.

ALTAR CHAPTER.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the Altar, Clergy and Chair, and furnishing the same for feeble and Missionary Churches, or as orders.

Members,

Mrs. Decatur Smith (associate), Mrs. Samuel Wetherill, Mrs. DeHaven Miss Emma DeHaven, Mrs. Keys, Miss Hewson, Miss Gibbs, Miss Welwood (associate) Miss Wurts, Mrs. Haverstick, Miss Atwood, Miss Hendry, Mrs. Matilda Gibson, Mrs. Miligan, Misses Arnold (associates), Mrs. McRae, Mrs. DuBois, Miss Bemers, Miss Sank, Mrs. W. H. Cope, Mrs. Fishbourne Smith, Miss Chamberlaine, Miss King, Miss Hess.

Miss Parmelee, Miss Eberling (associate), Miss Cattell (associate), Mrs. Cooper (associate), Miss Mary Hewson (associate), Miss Montgomery (associate).

Report.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

Money received by donations, \$15.00; from orders executed, \$33.85. Total, \$53.13. A cassock, a surplice, a linen alb, chasuble and amice, for the Rector, and two surplices for the Choir of the Church have been made—the surplice and chasuble being embroidered. A surplice, a fair linen cloth, chalice veil and corporal, a green embroidered altar cloth, a black stole, a green stole, a white pulpit fall, and a white lectern fall, were executed as orders.

A violet silk altar cloth and pulpit fall were made and embroidered for the Church, also violet silk stole, green silk stole, fair linen cloth embroidered, black silk stole for a missionary embroidered, two red silk markers for the lectern, linen maniple, and four linen purificators.

One member of the committee drew the designs used in the embroidery.

The class meets every Wednesday after Morning Prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Flower Committee.

Money received, \$76.80. The committee have provided two bouquets for the altar on every Sunday and holy day throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick.

This committee has also had the care of and paid for the washing of all the vestments and altar linen of the Church. Money received, \$36.65

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Jane B. Hewson, Treasurer.

One member of the Chapter has had the care of the Altar vessels and provided the Altar bread.

SCHOOL CHAPTER.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

Members,

Mrs. Haverstick, Miss Wurts, Miss Jackson, Misses Benners, Miss Spear, Miss B. Rousseau, Miss Price, Miss McRae, Miss Jane Hewson, Miss Hess, Miss Arnold, (associate) Mrs. DuBois, Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Starr, Miss Whalley, Miss

Annie Chamberlaine, Miss Parmelee, Miss Jennie Goodman, Miss Holt, Misses Harper, Miss Perkes, Mrs. Hodge, Mrs. Fishbourne Smith.

Report.

Two members of this Chapter, assisted occasionally by one other, have taught two girls' Bible-classes on Sunday. One has taught a young men's Bible-class. Two had charge of the Infant School, and the rest have taught in the main Sunday-school, or in the Industrial School, which was held on Saturday mornings, from November till Easter, for an hour and a half after morning prayer. One has taught a class in the sewing school of St. Luke's Church, and another in the Sunday-school of St. Mark's Church, another has taught a woman's Bible-class in the Church of the Crucifixion.

Money collected for the expenses of the Industrial School and for the festivals, \$22.71; pieces of work made by the scholars, 55, with $7\frac{1}{2}$ yards of rag carpet. A festival was provided for all the children of the schools at Christmas, by members of this Chapter and others interested in the schools. A special festival was given to the members of the Industrial School at its close. Prizes were distributed at Christmas and Easter.

A member of this chapter, occasionally assisted by another, has played the melodeon at the Sunday-school and Sunday afternoon

services, another for the Industrial School, and another trained the children for singing at the Christmas and Easter festivals.

LADIES' AID CHAPTER.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the Church, or to provide things needed for it.

Members,

Miss Hewson, Miss Smith, Misses Price, Mrs. and Miss Goodman, Mrs. Mumms, Miss Hess, Miss Newnan, Misses Harper, Miss Lloyd, Misses Chamberlaine, Miss Alexander, Miss Senn, Mrs. Haverstick.

Money received, donations.....	\$ 6.02
From pieces of clothing made	13.88
“ fancy articles sold.....	4.12

\$24.02

Thirty five pieces of clothing were made, also a number of fancy articles.

The Chapter also made up sixty-five kneeling stools for the Church and Chapel.

Three members bound the Christmas carols.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P. M.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.

It also has a basket of fancy articles constantly on hand for sale.

MEN'S GUILD.

Master.

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,

Ex-Officio.

Members.

All male communicants of the Parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the Church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Men belonging to other parishes may become associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its Head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary.—*All Saints Day.*

BENEFICIAL CHAPTER.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the

Master, to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed, and to report those who are in need, and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

Members.

Dr. R. Keys, Dr. G. G. Wise, Dr. C. B. Nancrede, Dr. T. H. Bradford, Mr. E. L. Teakle.

Report.

One physician has paid some 15 professional visits and received some 5 office visits, and given away some \$5 worth of medicines.

Another 4 visits and 6 office visits. Another 29 visits.

One has assisted in nursing a sick child.

SCHOOL CHAPTER.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday-schools and Bible-classes.

Members.

Mr. F. S. Keese, Mr. Isaac Starr, Mr. G. H. Haverstick, Mr. F. M. Campbell, Mr. O. Munns, Mr. Fishbourne Smith, Mr. E. L. Teakle.

Report.

Two members of this Chapter have acted as superintendents of the Sunday-school. Another, assisted occasionally by two others, has had charge of the Sunday-school library, and the rest have taught classes in the Sunday-school, or supplied the places of the regular teachers when they have been away.

LAY HELPERS' CHAPTER.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as Lay Readers, District Visitors, volunteers in the Choir, Attendants for the Sick, Bearers at Funerals, Assistants in decorating the Church for festivals, etc.

Members.

Dr. G. G. Wise, Dr. Nancrede, Mr. Isaac Starr, Mr. James Wadlow, Mr. J. M. Kern (associate), Mr. Wm. H. Cope, Mr. Henry F. Volmer, Mr. Edward Volmer, Mr. Ashbel Ware, Mr. James Sayres, Mr. Walter Newman, Mr. John Henderson, Mr. R. Price Miller, Mr. Thomas Wilson, Mr. C. H. Stouffer, Mr. E. L. Teakle, Mr. H. P. Bancroft, Mr. J. Clator Montgomery (associate), Mr. Edward Hiller, Mr. Oliver Munns.

Report

Ten members of this Chapter have sung more or less regularly in the Choir. One has

played the melodeon at the Wednesday night service during the winter, and also assisted in training the children of the schools in their Christmas and Easter service. Four have at times assisted in the service of the Church as Lay Readers. One has acted as Sacristan. One has had charge of the the Parish Library, entirely re-arranging it, making a complete catalogue of it, and being present every Wednesday evening during the winter to give out books.

Three have distributed cards of advertisement of the Church in the neighborhood. Some eight or ten dressed the Church for Christmas. One assisted the Assistant Minister in giving a stereopticon exhibition to the children of the schools. One printed a number of signs for the alms boxes; another furnished the statistical items for the year book.

CHURCH
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☼ YEAR BOOK ☼

1883-'84.

OFFICERS.

CLERGY,

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector.*

The Rev. HENRY O. DuBOIS, M. A., *Assistant.*

WARDENS,

GEORGE G. WISE, M. D., *Rector's Warden.*

ROGER KEYS, M. D., *Accounting Warden.*

VESTRYMEN,

ALBERT C. ROBERTS, JR.,

ISAAC STARR,

CHARLES B. NANCREDE, M. D.,

SAMUEL WETHERILL,

J. EDWARD CARPENTER,

THOMAS SINNICKSON,

GEORGE H. HAVERSTICK,

FRANCIS S. KEESE,

WILLIAM H. COPE,

WM. FISHBOURNE SMITH.

SEXTON,

STEWART MITCHELL.

CHOIR.

CHOIR MASTER,
HENRY F. VOLMER.

ORGANIST,
EDWARD VOLMER.

BASSES,

C. B. NANCREDE, M. D.,	JAMES WADLOW,
HENRY F. VOLMER,	WILLIAM H. COPE,
A. E. WARE,	DAVID MARTIN,
HARRY KINZLE,	WILLIAM JONES.

TENORS,

OLIVER MUNNS,	EDWARD L. TEAKLE.
CHAS. H. STOEFFER,	JOHN M. KERN.

ALTO,

WILLIAM KINZLE.

SOPRANOS,

ARLIE T. MOORE,	EDMUND POST,
WILLIAM K. NORTON,	WILLIAM HEBDEN,
LAWRENCE HARPER,	WILLIAM BUCHER
MARK JONES,	GEORGE JONES,
JOSEPH BARTON,	WALTER BURNS,
SAMUEL WADLOW,	WALTER HEBDEN,
WILLIAM LEWIN,	LOUIS WADLOW,
GEORGE MCCANN,	GEORGE GRANT,
EDWARD MCCANN.	

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS. *

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
3.30 P. M.—Choral Litany and Instruction.
7.45 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

HOLY DAYS.

10.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY.

From October to June.

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
7.45 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer.
Sunday Schools and Bible Classes 9.45 A. M. and 3.15 P. M.
Industrial School, 10.00 A. M., Saturdays during Winter.
The Parish Library is open, and Missionary and Dorcas Work is given out after the Wednesday evening service during the winter.

STATISTICS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1884.

Baptisms —Adults.....	2	
Infants.....	30	
	—	32
Confirmed.....		32
Communicants added, new ...	14	
Received from other parishes	17	
	—	31
Died.....		4
Removed.....		13
Present Number.....		220
Marriages.....		7
Burials.....		14
Services, Sundays.....	202	
Week days.....	486	
Total.....	—	688
Average attendance, Sundays		277
“ “ Week days		26
Celebrations of the Holy Communion,		
Public.....	125	
Private.....	6	
Total.....	—	131
Number of Communions made		2018
“ Sermons preached .		238
Children Catechized (times) ...		72
Number of families known to the Rector		164
“ individuals		470
“ scholars in Sunday Schools..		96
“ “ Bible Classes.....		20
“ “ Industrial School		90

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms-Chests, Guilds, and individual contribu- tions (all being free-will offerings)	\$3,526.22
Pew rents	46.50
By sale of work	93.00
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	3,665.72

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton . .	\$1,814.52
Music	468.57
Miscellaneous	559.57
Repairs and Improvements . .	369.21
Convention Fund	30.00
Charities—	
Poor	\$ 92.75
Schools	104.88
Domestic Missions	113.60
Foreign “	23.50
Freedmen “	56.00
Indian “	64.00
Diocesan “	22.00
Episcopal Hospital	29.10
Female Prayer Book Soc’y . .	17.50
Free Church Association . . .	7.00
Choral Union	25.00
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	\$ 555.33
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	\$3,807.20

ANALYSIS OF OFFERTORY.

Showing the sums in which it was received—

1	Offering of	\$150.00.....	\$ 150.00
4	"	100.00.....	400.00
3	"	50.00.....	150.00
9	"	25.00.....	225.00
4	"	20.00.....	80.00
1	"	18.00.....	18.00
4	"	15.00.....	60.00
1	"	12.00.....	12.00
16	"	10.00.....	160.00
1	"	8.00.....	8.00
59	"	5.00.....	295.00
3	"	4.00.....	12.00
6	"	3.00.....	18.00
5	"	2.50.....	12.50
105	"	2.00.....	210.00
426	"	1.00.....	426.00
432	"	.50.....	216.00
1816	"	.25.....	454.00
2289	"	.10.....	228.90
4426	"	.05.....	221.30
760	"	.03.....	22.80
13172	"	.01.....	131.72
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23543	Total		\$3,511.22

THE Church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The Church depends for its support entirely upon the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability, as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight. All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the Church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, &c. Alms chests are placed in the vestibules of the Church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, &c.

In order to comply with the charter of the Church, which prescribes that the Vestry shall be elected by those who "have paid two consecutive years for a pew or sitting," the nominal charge of \$1, for an *unassigned* sitting, or \$4 for a pew is made, which persons desiring to vote for Vestrymen must pay annually to the Warden.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—Its sessions are held for an hour before the morning service every Sunday in the year, except during July and August, and again for a quarter of an hour for musical practice in the afternoon before the Litany service, at which a special instruction for the children is given by one of the clergy. The total collections of the Sunday-school have been \$86.81, which was expended as follows: Current expenses of the school, \$10 55; domestic missions, \$46.40; chancel window, \$24.08.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting: the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Twenty-five yards of muslin and calico, two dozen handkerchiefs, a number of slates, pencils, copy books, paints, paper, &c., were donated for the work of the school. Money expended, \$9. The girls made fifty pieces of clothing, hemmed twenty-six handkerchiefs, and provided material for sixteen yards of rag carpet. A screen covered with pictures painted by the boys was sent to the House of the Merciful Saviour for cripple children.

LINCOLN INSTITUTE.—The children of this school, now composed of Indian girls, 106 in number, by resolution of the Board of Managers, have been placed under the pastoral charge of the Rector of this parish. They attend the 11 A. M. and 3½ P. M. services every Sunday. Fifteen were baptized and seven confirmed during the year. They are all acquiring the English language rapidly, and most of them are bright and quick at learning what they are taught, and are most quiet and reverential in their behavior.

THE CHURCH.—The following articles have been presented to the Church during the year in addition to what has been furnished by the Guilds: A piece of silver coin, and a gold ring for a chalice, bottle of communion wine, two brass stands for the gas standards in the chancel, brass processional cross with ebony staff, wooden banner staff with brass tips, and white and red silk banner, metal gilt altar cross, wooden gilt base for same, four red velvet embroidered alms basin mats, fair linen cloth embroidered, brass frame for daguerrotype, piece of fine muslin and lace for altar, daguerrotype of Rev. Dr. Ogilby, two photographs of Bishop Hare, wooden frame for one of same, mirror for choir room, small embroidery frame, pair of white gloves for cross bearer, twenty-four prayer books, twenty-four hymnals, seven colored litho-

graphs for Sunday-school room, two photographs of Church of St. James the Less, 100 Sunday-school library cards and two boxes of labels, barrel of Christmas greens, two palm leaves for Palm Sunday, fifty and one-half pounds of cake, seven pounds of candy, four balls and 200 oranges for Christmas festival, thirty quarts of ice-cream, eight pounds of cake and twelve dozen colored eggs, twelve dozen cards for Easter festival, seven books for parish library, nine books for Sunday school library, fifty copies of *Young Churchman*, large number of copies of *Century Magazine*, *Spirit of Missions*, *Living Church*, *Episcopal Register*, *Youths' Computation*, &c., flowers for Easter and other festivals.

The boys of the choir presented the Choir Master with an ebony and plated baton.

The chancel window has been completed and is entirely paid for. The Rector still asks for contributions of plate or jewels towards the formation of a memorial chalice. He will be glad also to receive special contributions towards the salary of the Assistant Minister, and for refurnishing the chapel with chairs and recarpeting the aisles of the church. He is glad to note still an increase in the offerings and in the work accomplished, and he begs for the continued support and assistance of each member of the congregation.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

MASTER.

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,

Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All female communicants of the Parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the Church, but not communicants, may become members, upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary.—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter.

The members of this Chapter represent the Parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or in other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

MEMBERS.

Domestic Missions,

Mrs. DeHaven,
Mrs. Benners.

Foreign Missions,

Mrs. Chas. B. Nancrede,
Mrs. J. E. Carpenter.

Freedmen Missions,

Mrs. G. W. Hodge,
Mrs. M. S. Atwood.

Indian Missions.

Miss E. C. Zantzingen,
Mrs. Augustus Jackson.

Italian Mission.

- Mrs. T. H. Neilson,
Miss Jackson.

Female Prayer Book Society,

Mrs. Chas. A. Hess.

Female Tract Society,

Mrs. Samuel Wetherill.

REPORT.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$55, of which \$5 was paid towards the salary of a sister in the hospital at Oregon, and the remainder was expended in the purchase of the following articles: 60 yards of muslin, 5½ yards of Canton flannel, 8 yards of gingham, 8 yards of dress stuff, 4 shirts, 12 pairs of stockings, suit of cloth clothes, boots, shoes, calico, collars, and in freight, portorage and barrel.

The Committee also received the following donations: 3 wrappers, 3 dresses, 3 bonnets, 2 aprons, 1 shawl, 3 sacques, 2 pairs of boots, 1 pair of shoes, 5 pairs of stockings, 4 shirts, 2 pairs of pants, 2 hoods, 4 handkerchiefs, 2 pairs woollen mitts, 3 child's dresses, 4 yards of dress goods, 2 boxes of toys, 2 dolls, 2 boxes of candy, 2 lbs. of candy, box of paper, envelopes and pens, bottle of cologne, brushes and combs, work basket filled with thread, needles, tapes, bobbin, silk, pins, hair-pins, buttons of all

kinds, case of scissors; 3 lbs. of tea, 5 lbs. of cut sugar, 5 lbs. of granulated sugar, 5 lbs. of rice, 6 cans of tomatoes, 4 cans of corn, 2 cans of peas.

These things, together with the articles made up by the Working Chapter, filled a barrel, which was sent to a clergyman's family in Maryland; total value, \$102.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$22.50. This was expended through the Foreign Committee of the Women's Auxiliary chiefly in insuring the lives of missionaries.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$56; which was expended for work among the Freedmen through the Women's Auxiliary.

Two choir surplices were also presented to a colored mission in this city.

Mrs. W. F. Smith served on this Committee during most of the year:

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$64; of which \$5 were given directly to Bishop Hare, and the remainder to the work of the Indian Hope Association. Eight choir surplices were sent to an Indian church in Dakota.

Italian Mission.

The members now representing the Church, together with Miss Miriam Smith, for a great part of the year, served on the committee of ladies working for the Italian Mission in this city. One acted as Treasurer for the Committee, and all collected money and assisted in furnishing the chapel; one visited the members of the Mission and one taught in the Sunday-school. Money collected, \$15.

Two alms plates were loaned and five school desks presented to this mission.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$17.50.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the Clergy that they may be attended to, and if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Miss Jane Hewson, Mrs. Dr. Nancrede, Mrs. G. H. Haverstick, Mrs. Fishbourne

Smith, Miss Lisle, Mrs. Augusta Jackson, Miss Jackson, Miss Martha Harper.

REPORT.

Two members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy; one has labored in connection with the church of the Crucifixion; and the others have had charge each of one or two persons belonging to the parish. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter to six women, 50 pieces being cut out and given to them free of charge; 48 yards of Canton flannel, 12 yards of toweling, 24 yards of grey flannel, 85 yards of unbleached muslin; 12 yards of gingham were donated and used for this purpose.

In addition to which there was received and given away 150 undergarments, 9 pairs of shoes, 6 hats and bonnets, 12 sacks and coats, 5 pairs of pantaloons, 8 dresses, some pieces of carpet, 8 lbs. of sugar, $4\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of tea, 1 lb. of coffee, 10 lbs. of grits, 6 jars of beef essence. Four families were supplied with Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter dinners. Twelve persons have been assisted from the alms for the poor, four having their rent entirely or partially paid; 15 pieces of clothing were given to the poor of Italian Mission, and a cradle was sent to the Home

for Cripple Children. Total amount expended \$92.75.

Offerings for the poor may be placed in the alms boxes for the poor in the vestibules of the church, or handed to Miss Hewson, the Treasurer of this Chapter; and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week, for this purpose.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for Missionary boxes, and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. DeHaven, Mrs. Starr, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Jackson, Miss Wurts, Mrs. Hess, Miss Jane B. Hewson, Miss Gibson, Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. McPhail, Miss Bryson, Mrs. Beath, Miss Dickinson, Miss Parmelee, Miss Lloyd.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter cut out and made up the material purchased and donated to the Missionary Chapter, into articles needed for the missionary box, making a total of 33 garments for women, 3 for men, and 31 for children.

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for missionary boxes, can be sent to the Church at any time, and work is given out after the 10.00 A.M. or 7.45 P.M. service on Wednesdays during the winter.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Decatur Smith (associate), Mrs. Wetherill, Mrs. DeHaven, Miss Emma DeHaven, Mrs. Keys, Miss Hewson, Miss Wurts, Mrs. Haverstick, Miss Atwood, Miss Hendry, Mrs. Miligan, Miss Sank, Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Fishbourne Smith, Miss Chamberlaine, Miss Hess, Mrs. Hull (associate), Misses Harper, Misses Parmelee, Miss Eberlein (associate), Miss Baker (associate), Mrs. Cooper (associate), Miss Mary Thomas (associate), Mrs. F. Thomas (associate), Mrs. Jeffries (associate), Miss Eustis (associate), Mrs. Roop (associate), Miss Stuart (associate).

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

Money received by donations, \$5.30; from orders executed, \$38.74. Total, \$44.04.

A linen surplice, embroidered, was made for the Assistant Minister; 15 surplices were made for the choir. A violet silk stole, violet silk chalice veil and burse, a white damasee silk stole, a green silk chalice veil and burse, a white silk super-frontal and pulpit fall; set of violet silk markers for lectern and altar book, all embroidered, were made and presented to the Rector. A white silk altar cloth, and cover for retable, a red altar cloth, a design for pulpit fall, and 4 designs for markers, embroidered; 3 priests' cassocks, 2 surplices, and a white silk stole were executed as orders.

A white silk stole was embroidered for a missionary.

One member of the Committee drew the designs used in the embroidery.

The class meets every Wednesday after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Flower Committee.

Money received, \$119.88. The Committee have provided two bouquets for the altar on every Sunday and holy day throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent: also

additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick.

This Committee has also had the care of and paid for the washing of all the vestments and altar linen of the Church. The washing of the surplices during Lent was done gratuitously.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Jane B. Hewson, Treasurer.

One member of the Chapter has had the care of the altar vessels and provided the altar bread.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Haverstick, Miss Wurts, Miss Jackson, Misses Benner, Miss Spear, Miss B. Rousseau, Miss Price, Miss Jane Hewson, Miss Hess, Miss Arnold (associate), Mrs. DuBois, Mrs. Cope, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Starr, Miss Whalley, Miss Annie Chamberlaine, Miss Parmelee, Miss Jennie Goodman, Miss Harper, Miss Perkes, Mrs. Fishbourne Smith, Miss Starr, Miss Newnam, Miss

Eskridge, Miss M. Smith, Miss Pearce (associate), Mrs. Vincent Taylor, Miss Barker (associate), Miss Holt.

REPORT.

Three members of this Chapter have taught girls' Bible classes in the Sunday-school. One has taught a young men's Bible class. Two had charge of the Infant School. Ten have taught in the main Sunday-school, and twelve in the Industrial School. One taught a class in the sewing school of St. Luke's Church, one in the Sunday-school of St. Mark's Church, one in the Sunday-school of St. Clement's Church; one taught a women's Bible class, and another in the infant school of the Church of the Crucifixion; one played the organ at the Sunday afternoon service, and one the melodeon in the Sunday-school.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children at Christmas, for which was contributed \$23.75. Also a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School. The expenses of the Industrial School, including the Easter festival, were \$39.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support

of the Church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS.

Miss Hewson, Misses Smith, Misses Price, Misses Goodman, Mrs. Munns, Miss Hess, Miss Newnam, Misses Harper, Mrs. Adams, Misses Chamberlaine, Miss Alexander, Miss Senn, Miss Hill, Miss Parmelee, Miss Morrell, Miss Carman, Miss Simon (associate), Mrs. Burchard (associate).

REPORT.

95 pieces of clothing were cut out and made up for orders received, and 50 fancy articles made and donated.

The members of this Chapter also executed the orders for vestments of the Altar Chapter, made and donated the material for the surplices for the Assistant Minister and for the choir; they presented the brass rod and red cloth dossal for back of altar in the church. They also furnished the material for and made up, during Lent, 70 pieces of clothing for the poor of St. Chrysostom's Church in this city.

Money received, donations....\$ 8.00

From orders executed..... 62.25

Total, \$70.25

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P.M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.

It also has a basket of fancy articles constantly on hand for sale.

Evening Sewing Class.

A class composed of the members of the female Bible classes also meet on Saturday evenings from Advent till Easter, conducted by Mrs. W. F. Smith, Mrs. Cope and Mrs. Wetherill. Members, 21; average attendance, 9.

The following articles were made and presented to the "Sheltering Arms": 21 pillow cases, 7 short dresses, 11 infant's slips, 2 flannel shirts. 2 boys' shirts and 1 girl's dress were presented to the "Home of the Merciful Saviour." 9 linen tidies and 1 table cover were also made. They also made up the red dossel for the altar. A quantity of material was donated and a sewing machine lent for the use of this class. Cash expenses, \$3.

MEN'S GUILD.

MASTER,

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,

Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All male communicants of the Parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the Church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Men belonging to other parishes may become associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary.—*All Saints Day.*

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master, to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed, and to report those who are in need, and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS.

Dr. R. Keys, Dr. G. G. Wise, Dr. C. B. Nanerode, Dr. T. H. Bradford (associate), Mr. E. L. Teakle, Mr. W. F. Smith.

REPORT.

One physician has paid some 17 professional visits and received some 17 office visits, and given away some \$5 worth of medicines.

Another 5 visits and 10 office visits.

Another visited most of the families connected with the Sunday-school, and assisted several persons in getting situations. Another visited frequently among the choir boys.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday-schools and Bible classes.

MEMBERS.

Mr. Isaac Starr, Jr., Mr. G. H. Haverstick, Mr. W. Fishbourne Smith, Mr. E. L. Teakle, Mr. Wm. Henry Stark, Mr. David Martin (associate).

REPORT.

Two members of this Chapter have acted as superintendents of the Sunday-school. Two have had charge of the Sunday-school library. One has had charge of the music at the children's service, and one taught a class in the Sunday-school.

Lay Helpers' Chapter.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS.

Dr. G. G. Wise, Dr. Nancrede, Mr. Isaac Starr, Mr. James Wadlow, Mr. J. M. Kern (associate), Mr. Wm. H. Cope, Mr. Henry F. Volmer, Mr. Edward Volmer, Mr. Ashbel Ware, Mr. James Sayres, Mr. Walter New-

nam, Mr. John Henderson, Mr. Thomas Wilson, Mr. C. H. Stouffer, Mr. E. L. Teakle, Mr. Edward Hiller, Mr. Oliver Munns, Mr. David Martin, (associate), Mr. Harry Kinzie, Mr. Geo. H. Haverstick, Mr. S. Addicks (associate).

REPORT.

Eleven members of this Chapter have sung more or less regularly in the choir. One has played the melodeon at the Wednesday night service during the winter, and also assisted in training the children of the schools in their Christmas and Easter services. One has assisted occasionally in playing the organ and melodeon at the Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening services. Three have at times assisted in the service of the Church as lay readers. One has acted as sacristan. One has had charge of the parish library, being present every Wednesday evening during the winter to give out books. Two have acted as ushers in showing strangers to seats and providing them with books in church.

Three have distributed cards of advertisement of the church in the neighborhood. Some eight or ten dressed the church for Christmas. One assisted the Assistant Minister in giving a stereopticon exhibition to the children of the schools. One furnished the statistical items for the year book and four copied music for the choir.

CHURCH
—OF THE—
ASCENSION
BROAD STREET,
BELOW SOUTH ST.,
PHILADELPHIA.

YEAR BOOK,
1884-'85.

OFFICERS.

CLERGY.

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector*.

The Rev. HENRY O. DuBOIS, M. A., *Assistant*.

WARDENS.

J. EDWARD CARPENTER, *Rector's Warden*.

WM. F. SMITH, *Accounting Warden*.

VESTRYMEN.

ROGER KEYS, M. D.,

GEORGE G. WISE, M. D.,

ALBERT C. ROBERTS, JR.,

ISAAC STARR,

CHARLES B. NANCREDE, M. D.,

SAMUEL WETHERILL,

THOMAS SINNICKSON,

GEORGE H. HAVERSTICK,

FRANCIS S. KEESE,

WILLIAM H. COPE.

SEXTON.

STEWART MITCHELL.

CHOIR.

CHOIR MASTER.
HENRY F. VOLMER,

ORGANIST.
EDWARD VOLMER.

BASSES.

C. B. NANCREDE, M. D.,	JAMES WADLOW,
HENRY F. VOLMER,	WILLIAM H. COPE,
A. E. WARE,	DAVID MARTIN,
HARRY KINZLE,	WILLIAM JONES.

TENORS.

OLIVER MUNNS,	EDWARD L. TEAKLE,
CHAS. H. STOUFFER,	JOHN M. KERN,
GEORGE M. WHARTON,	

ALTO.

WILLIAM KINZLE.

SOPRANOS.

ARLIE T. MOORE,	WILLIAM HEBDEN,
WILLIAM K. NORTON,	WILLIAM BUCHER,
LAWRENCE HARPER,	GEORGE JONES,
MARK JONES,	WALTER BURNS,
JOSEPH BARTON,	WALTER HEBDEN,
GEORGE MCCANN,	LOUIS WADLOW,
JOSEPH BURNS,	GEORGE BALLENTINE,
CARROLL HODGE,	HARRY WHITEHOUSE,
LAWRENCE GAFF.	

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
3.30 P. M.—Choral Litany and Instruction.
7.45 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

HOLY DAYS.

10.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY.

From October to June.

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
7.45 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer.
Sunday School, 2.30 P. M.; Bible Classes, 10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.
Industrial School, 10.00 A. M., Saturdays during Winter.
The Parish Library is open, and Missionary and Doreas Work is given out after the Wednesday evening service during the Winter.

STATISTICS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1885.

Baptisms—Adults.....	11	
Infants.....	31	
Total.....	—	42
Confirmed.....		48
Communicants added, new....	32	
Received from other parishes	13	
Total.....	—	45
Died.....		2
Removed.....		23
Present Number.....		240
Marriages.....		9
Burials.....		12
Services, Sundays.....	204	
Week days.....	498	
Total.....	—	702
Average attendance, Sundays..		254
“ “ Week days		26
Celebrations of the Holy Communion,		
Public.....	130	
Private.....	6	
Total.....	—	136
Number of Communions made		2083
“ Sermons preached.		230
Children Catechized (times)...		72
Number of families known to the clergy		180
“ “ individuals.....		480
“ “ scholars in Sunday-schools.		104
“ “ Bible Classes...		23
“ “ Industrial School		120

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms- Chests, Guilds, and individual contributions (all being free- will offerings).....	\$3,269 74
Pew rents.....	47 00
By sale of work.....	62 91
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	\$3,379 65

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton....	\$1,652 40
Music.....	456 02
Miscellaneous.....	574 75
Repairs and Improvements.....	112 83
Convention Fund.....	30 00
Charities—	
Poor.....	\$ 95 50
Schools.....	108 80
Domestic Missions.....	110 49
Foreign.....	23 00
Freedmen.....	43 50
Indian.....	46 00
Diocesan.....	75 55
Episcopal Hospital....	40 67
Female Prayer Book Soc'y	21 50
“ Tract Society...	6 00
Free Church Associat'n	3 00
Choral Union.....	15 75
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	\$ 589 76
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	\$3,415 76

ANALYSIS OF OFFERTORY,

SHOWING THE SUMS IN WHICH IT WAS RECEIVED.

From 1st May, 1884, to 1st May, 1885:

1	Offering of	\$150 00.....	\$ 150 00
1	"	75 00.....	75 00
4	"	50 00.....	200 00
10	"	25 00.....	250 00
5	"	20 00.....	100 00
4	"	15 00.....	60 00
21	"	10 00.....	210 00
2	"	6 00.....	12 00
57	"	5 00.....	285 00
2	"	4 00.....	8 00
0	"	3 00.....	18 00
1	"	2 50.....	2 50
113	"	2 00.....	226 00
430	"	1 00.....	430 00
383	"	50.....	191 50
1656	"	25.....	414 00
1956	"	10.....	195 60
4165	"	5.....	208 75
783	"	3.....	23 49
14052	"	1.....	140 52
23662			\$3,200 36
	No classified record of		69 38
	Total.....		\$3,269 74

THE Church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The Church depends for its support entirely upon the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory, at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability, as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight. All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the Church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, &c. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the Church, to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, &c.

In order to comply with the charter of the Church, which prescribes that the Vestry shall be elected by those who "have paid two consecutive years for a pew or sitting," the nominal charge of \$1 for an *unassigned* sitting, or \$4 for a pew is made, which persons desiring to vote for Vestrymen must pay annually to the Warden.

The following articles have been presented to the Church during the past year :

A Brussels carpet and some pieces of stair carpet, 2 wooden stands for flowers, 60 church chairs for the Chapel, engraving of St. Cecelia for the choir room, 9 games and a backgammon board for St. John's and St. Mary's Guilds, 2 gold bracelets for memorial chalice, illuminated notice card framed; mat for choir room, book of record of services, do. for offerings, beaten brass base for altar cross, pair of gloves for cross-bearer, 300 copies of directions for communicants, flowers for festivals, 1,000 collection cards, 1 dozen palm leaf fans, ½ dozen small fans, a velvet pin cushion, 1 volume "English Embroidery," 6 hymnals and 5 prayer books, 70 volumes for Sunday-school Library, 76 volumes for Parish Library, Easter cards for choir and children of schools, 5 gallons of wine for the Holy Communion, 11 dozen Easter eggs, 3 knives for best choir boys, 27 pounds of cake and 175 oranges for Christmas festival, large number of copies of *Church*, *Churchman*, *Church Press*, *Living Church*, and *Spirit of Missions*.

Two silver medals were provided for the most proficient choir boys. A set of book shelves was presented to the Free Church Association.

A silver gilt and jewelled chalice, in memory of the late Miss Kate Parmelee, was presented to the Rector.

Mr. J. Edward Carpenter and Mr. John B. Uhle gave their legal services in negotiating the

sale of the Church property and the purchase of the lot on Broad street, placing mortgage, &c., thus saving the Church an expense of some \$400.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—Its sessions are held for an hour every Sunday in the year, except during July and August, in the afternoon before the Litany service, at which a special instruction for the children is given by one of the clergy. The total collections of the Sunday-school have been \$110.56, which was expended as follows : Current expenses of the school, \$27.92; missions, \$73.18; chairs for chapel, \$15.00.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$36.50. The children made 56 pieces of clothing, 26 carpet balls, 16 picture books, and a crib spread. The picture books, some toys, and 10 yards of muslin were sent to St. Chrystopher's Hospital.

LINCOLN INSTITUTION.—The children of this school, composed of 108 Indian girls, continued to attend the 11 A. M. and 3.30 P. M. Sunday services throughout the winter, 15 were baptised, 11 confirmed, and 4 buried. Owing to the impossibility of accommodating them in the new parish building on Broad street, where the Church

services will be held until the new church is built, they have now been transferred to St. Luke's parish.

NEW CHURCH.—On June 10th, the Vestry, with sanction of the ecclesiastical authorities of the Diocese, concluded a negotiation for the sale of the Church property on Lombard street, and for the purchase of a lot on Broad street below South, on which it is proposed to erect a new church edifice. The reasons inducing the Vestry to this action were the great difficulties with which the parish has long had to contend in its present unfortunate location, and the belief that if an attractive edifice can be erected on so prominent a position as on Broad street, the Church will gain immensely in its strength and usefulness. A contract was made for the erection of a parish building and laying the foundations of the Church, and as soon as sufficient funds are in hand the completion of the Church will be proceeded with. Some \$10,000 more than the funds the Vestry have in hand are needed for this purpose, and it is trusted that all interested in the Church will use their utmost exertion to secure subscriptions to the Building Fund. The Rector has agreed to forego his salary until after the payment of the interest on the mortgage on the new property, and if each member of the congregation will make some such sacrifice the amount needed can be secured.

The following subscriptions towards the new building have been received:

Mr. Samuel Wetherill.....	\$500 00
“ J. Vaughan Merrick.....	500 00
“ Francis Keese.....	500 00
Mrs. and Miss Vaux.....	150 00
Miss Mary Williamson.....	100 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Dundas Lippincott..	100 00
Mrs. John A. Brown.....	100 00
Mr. J. Edward Carpenter.....	100 00
“ George L. Harrison.....	100 00
Rev. H. Ingersoll Meigs.....	100 00
Mr. Henry C. Gibson.....	100 00
Collected by Mrs. Chas. A. Hess....	100 00
Mrs. J. S. Hoffman.....	100 00
Mr. Isaac Welsh.....	50 00
Cash.....	50 00
Cash.....	50 00
Miss Maria Goodman.....	50 00
“ Hewson, one-half subscription..	50 00
Collected by Miss Hewson.....	35 00
“ “ Lloyd.....	30 00
“ Mrs. Stewart Mitchell..	30 00
Ladies' Aid of Women's Guild.....	30 00
Cash.....	25 00
Mrs. Smith's Bible Class.....	25 00
Miss Wurts.....	25 00
John B. Drury, D. D.....	25 00
Miss Zautzinger.....	25 00
Misses Miriam and Florence Smith..	25 00

Amount carried forward..... \$3,075 00

Amount brought forward.....	\$3,075 00
Mrs. Joseph Wilcox.....	20 00
“ Meier-Smith, one-half subscription,	20 00
Dr. Nancrede, on acct. of “	20 00
Mrs. Augustus Jackson.....	15 00
Collected by Stewart Mitchell.....	11 10
Mr. Thomas Neilson.....	10 00
Mrs. Remont.....	10 00
Miss Newnam.....	10 00
Mrs. DuBois.....	10 00
Collected by Miss Katie Hance.....	6 00
“ “ Lillie Butcher.....	5 50
“ Mrs. Jos. Wilcox.....	5 00
“ John M. Leach.....	5 00
“ Mrs. Leach.....	5 00
“ Miss Martha Harper.....	5 00
“ “ Matilda Harper....	5 00
“ “ Mamie Morrell....	5 00
“ Mrs. Milliken.....	5 00
“ Miss Lottie Millikn....	5 00
“ “ Mamie Milliken....	5 00
“ “ Bessie Milliken....	5 00
“ “ Sophie Schaback....	5 00
“ “ Newnam.....	5 00
“ “ Florence Smith....	5 00
“ T. Lambert Teakle....	5 00
“ Miss Carman.....	5 00
“ Mrs. Wetherill.....	5 00
“ Stanley Addicks.....	5 00
“ Chas. E. Bonnet.....	5 00

Amount carried forward..... \$3,302 60

Amount brought forward.....	\$3,302 60
Collected by Miss Colton.....	5 00
“ Leon Bonnet.....	5 00
Miss Hendry.....	5 00
Collected by Miss Hendry.....	5 00
Mrs. A. E. Cope.....	5 00
Miss L. E. Cope.....	5 00
“ Mifflin.....	5 00
Mrs. Addicks.....	5 00
“ Warrington.....	5 00
Through Mrs. Warrington.....	5 00
Mrs. De Haven.....	5 00
Miss Susie Hunter.....	5 00
Through Dr. Nancrede.....	5 00
Collected by Miss Eskridge.....	5 00
Through Mrs. Atwood.....	5 00
Mrs. Gibson.....	5 00
Miss Josephine Lewis.....	5 00
“ Matilda Harper.....	5 00
Collected by Miss Price.....	5 00
“ “ Holt.....	5 00
“ Harry F. Whitehouse...	5 00
“ Carrie Whitehouse.....	5 00
Mrs. M. T. Atwood.....	5 00
Donation through Miss Lloyd.....	3 00
Miss Rebecca Bryson.....	2 25
Mrs. Prof. Johnson.....	2 00
Through Miss Wurts.....	1 00
In memory of Miss Beath.....	1 00
Helen H. Hodge.....	50

Amount carried forward..... \$3,427 35

Amount brought forward.....	\$3,427 35
Collected by Edmund Post.....	50
“ Arlie Moore.....	25
Total.....	<hr/> \$3,428 10
Subscriptions not yet paid.....	1,700 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$5,128 10
Purchase money of property on Lombard street.....	17,000 00
Total amt. available for new building,	<hr/> <hr/> \$22,128 10

WOMEN'S GUILD.

MASTER.

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

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Anniversary.—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter.

The members of this Chapter represent the Parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or in other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

MEMBERS.

Domestic Missions,

Mrs. DeHaven,
Mrs. Benners.

Foreign Missions,

Mrs. Chas. B. Nancrede,
Mrs. J. E. Carpenter.

Freedmen Missions,

Mrs. G. W. Hodge,
Mrs. M. S. Atwood.

Indian Missions,

Miss E. C. Zantzinger,
Mrs. Augustus Jackson.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Mrs. Chas. A. Hess.

Female Tract Society.

Mrs. Samuel Wetherill.

REPORT.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$56.50, of which \$5 was paid towards the salary of a sister in the hospital at Oregon, and the remainder was expended in the purchase of the following articles: 15 yards of sheeting, 12 yards of pillow muslin, 37 yards muslin, 7½ yards gingham, 18 yards cotton, 1 pair pants, 1 vest, undershirts, shoes, skirt, 3 pairs stockings, towels, 23 yards carpet, pins, needles and thread, barrel and cartage.

The Committee also received the following donations: 37 various garments, 43 pieces of underclothing, 5 coats, 5 dress bodies, 12 dresses, 60 skirts, 21 pairs boots and shoes, 53 pairs stockings, 4 bonnets, 3 hats, 3 hoods, 2 pairs pants, 2 vests, 1 muff, 1 child's muff, 3 pairs gloves, 10 yds chintz, 13 yards dress material, 6 towels, 13 handkerchiefs, collars and cuffs, 1½ yards cloth, pictures, toys, dolls, candies, 15 pounds oatmeal, 7 pounds tea, 20 pounds sugar, 6 pounds rice, 4 quarts hominy, 2 boxes jelatine, 2 bottles of maltine, 12 cans of vegetables, 1 bag of salt, 1 keg quince jam, 12 pounds flour, 4 pounds sugar, 5 pounds grits, 5 pounds Indian meal, 5 pounds hominy, 2 packages of prayer books from Bishop White Prayer Book Society.

These articles, together with those furnished by the Working Chapter, filled two barrels and a bundle sent to a clergyman in Virginia valued at \$116.63, and a box sent to Tennessee valued at \$50.

An overcoat, a cassock, and a black silk stole were also presented to missionaries.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$23.00. This was expended through the Foreign Committee of the Women's Auxiliary, chiefly in insuring the lives of missionaries.

Freedman Committee.

Money collected, \$43.50; which was expended for work among the Freedmen through the Women's Auxiliary.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$46; which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$21.50.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$6.00.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the Clergy that they may be attended to, and if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Miss Jane Hewson,	Mrs. Dr. Nancrede,
Mrs. G. H. Haverstick,	" Fishbourne Smith,
Miss Lisle,	" Augustus Jackson,
" Jackson,	Misses Harper,
	Miss Miriam Smith.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy. One has labored in connection with the Church of the Crucifixion. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter to eight women, 60 pieces being cut out and given to them free of charge, 42 yards of Canton flannel and 42 yards of unbleached muslin having been donated for the purpose. Over 300 pieces of clothing have been received for distribution among the poor; also 1 comfortable, 6 pairs shoes, 6 bonnets and hats, 4 dresses, 4 sacques, 7 pounds tea, 10 pounds sugar, 4 pounds grits, 4 pounds hominy, 3 pounds of oatmeal, 2 pounds soap, 4 jars beef essence, ice cream, jelly, oranges, apples, and Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter dinners to five families; 1½ tons of coal, 1 basket of potatoes, and a small stove were given to poor families.

Three persons have had their board entirely or partially paid, and two others have been assisted from the alms for the poor. One was provided with country board for two weeks in the summer. Total amount expended, \$95.50.

Offerings for the poor may be placed in the alms boxes for the poor in the vestibule of the church, or handed to Miss Hewson, the Treasurer of this Chapter; and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week, for this purpose.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of the garments for Missionary boxes, and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. De Haven,	Mrs. Starr,
Miss Wurts,	Miss Jane B. Hewson,
Mrs. Cope,	Mrs. Hiller,
" McPhail,	" Beath,
Miss Dickerson,	Misses Parmelee,
" Seckel,	" Stokes,
Miss King (associate).	

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter cut out and made up the material purchased and donated to the Missionary Chapter into articles needed for the missionary box, making a total of 39 garments

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for missionary boxes, can be sent to the Church at any time, and work is given out after the 10.00 A. M. or 7.45 P. M. service on Wednesdays during the winter.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Decatur Smith	Mrs. Wetherill,
(associate),	" De Haven,
Miss Emma De Haven,	" Keys,
" Hewson,	Miss Wurts,
Mrs. Haverstick,	" Atwood.
Miss Hendry,	Mrs. Milliken,
" Sank,	" Cope,
Mrs. Fishbourne Smith,	" M. S. Atwood,
Miss Hess,	" Hull (associate),
Misses Harper	Misses Parmelee,
Mrs. Milliken,	Miss King,
" Cooper,	" Stotesbury
Miss Newnam,	(associate).

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

Money received by donations, \$22.40; from orders executed, \$30.

A linen surplice embroidered, was made for the Rector, and a white brocade silk stole embroidered; also, one for the Assistant Minister; a red silk altar cloth, a red silk stole, a white silk maniple, 4 white embroidered alms basin mats, a fair linen chalice veil, embroidered, were made for the Church.

A white altar cloth and pulpit and desk hangings, a fair linen cloth, a velvet covering for a Bible, were made and presented to missionary churches, a white silk stole was embroidered for a missionary, and a violet silk pulpit fall and 3 markers were embroidered for a church in New York. Two priest's surplices, 2 white silk stoles and a corporal were executed as orders. Designs for a pulpit fall and book markers were furnished.

The class meets every Wednesday after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Flower Committee.

Money received, \$147.45. The Committee have provided two bouquets for the altar on every Sunday and holy day throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick.

This Committee has also had the care of and paid for the washing of all the vestments and altar linen of the Church. The washing of the surplices during Lent was done gratuitously.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Jane B. Hewson, Treasurer.

One member of the Chapter has had the care of the altar vessels and provided the altar bread.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Haverstick,	Miss Wurts,
Miss Jackson,	Misses Benners,
" Spear,	Miss Price,
" Jane Hewson,	" Hess,
" Arnold (associate),	Mrs. DuBois,
Mrs. Cope,	" Adams,
" Starr,	Miss Whalley,
Miss An'e Chamberlaine,	" Parmelee,
" Jennie Goodman,	Misses Harper,
Mrs. Fishbourne Smith,	Miss Starr,
Miss Newman,	" Eskridge,
" Miriam Smith,	Mrs. Hodge,
Miss Barker (associate),	" Wells (associate).

REPORT.

Three members of this Chapter have taught girls' Bible classes in the Sunday-school. One has taught a young men's Bible class. Two had charge of the Infant School. Seventeen have taught in the main Sunday-school, and eleven in the Industrial School. One taught a class in the Sunday-school of St. Mark's Church; one in the Sunday-school of St. Clement's Church; one taught a women's Bible class, and another in the infant school of the Church of the Crucifixion; one

played the organ at the Sunday afternoon service, and one the melodeon in the Sunday-school.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children at Christmas. Also a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the Church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS.

Miss Hewson,	Misses Smith,
Misses Price,	“ Goodman,
Miss Hess,	Miss Newnam,
Misses Harper,	Misses Chamberlaine,
Miss Hill,	Miss Parmelee,
Mrs. Hull (associate),	Mrs. Beath,
“ Milliken,	“ and Miss Hiller,
Miss Whalley,	Miss Spinney,
“ Barker (associate),	“ Rousseau.

REPORT.

126 orders were received and executed and 12 fancy articles made. Money received, \$76.42. \$10 were contributed towards the salary of the Assistant Minister. A velvet carpet was provided for the floor of the chancel, a new cassock for the Rector, and linen, silk and velvet material provided for the Vestment Committee of the Altar

Chapter. A number of fancy articles, cards, and pictures were sent to St. Chrystopher's Hospital and to a church in Maine.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter, at 3 P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.

It also has a basket of fancy articles constantly on hand for sale.

Evening Sewing Class.

A class, composed of the members of one of the female bible classes, also met every Monday evening during the winter, at the house of the teacher, Mrs. Fishbourne Smith.

Number of garments made and sold, 47; money received, \$14.04.

In addition, a number of articles were made and donated to a fair.

MEN'S GUILD.

MASTER.

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All male communicants of the Parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the Church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Men belonging to other parishes may become associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—*All Saints' Day.*

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain,

if possible, situations for the unemployed, and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS.

Dr. R. Keys,	Dr. G. G. Wise,
" C. B. Nancrede,	Mr. David Martin,
Mr. E. L. Teakle,	" John B. Henderson,

REPORT.

One physician has paid some 8 professional visits and received some 30 office visits, and given away some \$20 worth of medicines; one has attended 1 patient; another has attended 3, paid 12 visits.

Two members, assisted by others, have provided entertainments for the Young Men's Guild.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday-schools and Bible classes.

MEMBERS.

Mr. Isaac Starr, Jr.,	Mr. Wm. Henry Stark,
" David Martin,	" Leon Bonnet,
" Charles Bonnet,	" Harry Kinzle,
Mr. Edward Hiller.	

REPORT.

One member of this Chapter has acted as superintendent of the Sunday-school. Three have had charge of the Sunday-school library. One has had charge of the music at the children's service, and one taught a class in the Sunday-school. One taught a class in St. Chrysostom's Church.

Lay Helpers' Chapter.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS.

Dr. Nancrede,	Mr. James Wadlow,
Mr. J. M. Kern (asso.),	" Wm. H. Cope,
" Henry F. Volmer,	" Edward Volmer,
" Ashbel Ware,	" Walter Newnam,
" John D. Henderson,	" Wm. F. Smith,
" E. L. Teakle,	" Oliver Munns,
" David Martin,	" Harry Kinzle,
" Geo. H. Haverstick,	" S. Addicks,
" H.M. Wright (asso.),	" Geo. M. Wharton.

REPORT.

Eleven members of this Chapter have sung more or less regularly in the choir. One has played the melodeon at the Wednesday night

service during the winter, and also assisted in training the children of the schools in their Christmas and Easter services. Two assisted occasionally in playing the organ and melodeon at the Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening services. Four have at times assisted in the service of the Church as lay readers. One has acted as sacristan. One has had charge of the parish library, being present every Wednesday evening during the winter to give out books. Two have acted as ushers in showing strangers to seats and providing them with books in church. Some eight or ten dressed the church for Christmas. One furnished the statistical items for the year book and drew two designs for altar cloths. One has printed some signs for alms boxes.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage young men to live a Godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the Fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the guild room, in the parish building, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, except July and August; on the first Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the third for recreation.

WARDENS.

JOHN D. HENDERSON, DAVID MARTIN.

MEMBERS.

Mr. J. D. Henderson,	Mr. F. C. Kinzle,
" H. L. Kinzle,	" Wm. F. Kinzle,
" D. Martin,	" A. Moore,
" A. Ware,	" W. Newnam,
" L. D. Bonnet,	" C. E. Bonnet,
" W. K. Norton,	" E. Volmer,
" W. H. Hebden,	" W. P. Burns,
" R. R. Hodges,	" G. W. Hubley,
" Jos. Barton,	" G. McCann,
" S. Addicks,	" W. Jones,
" W. F. Bucher,	" E. L. Teakle,
" H. M. Wright,	" J. Volmer.

Probationer,

H. Whitehouse.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except July and August—on the second Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the fourth for work or recreation.

SUPERIOR.

MISS JANE B. HEWSON.

MEMBERS.

Miss Hewson,	Miss Price,
" Dickerson,	" Barton,
Mrs. Milliken,	" E. Gilmore,
" Amies,	" Mary McCann,
Miss Helen Bailey,	" Agnes Hiller,
" Mary Broomhead,	Mrs. S. A. Taylor,
" M. W. Harper,	Miss Montgomery,
" Hill,	" Florence Smith,
" M. G. Harper,	" Bessie Spear,
" R. M. Barker,	" Miriam Smith,
Miss Lottie Milliken.	

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YEAR BOOK,
1886-'87.

OFFICERS

CLERGY.

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector.*

The Rev. HENRY O. DuBOIS, M. A.,
The Rev. WM. B. THORN, B. A., } *Assistants.*

WARDENS.

J. EDWARD CARPENTER, *Rector's Warden.*

WM. F. SMITH, *Accounting Warden.*

VESTRYMEN.

ROGER KEYS, M. D.,

CHARLES B. NANCREDE, M. D.,

SAMUEL WETHERILL,

THOMAS SINNICKSON,

GEORGE H. HAVERSTICK,

FRANCIS S. KEESE,

WILLIAM H. COPE,

THOMAS ROBB,

JOHN B. HENDERSON,

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.

SEXTON.

WILLIAM J. MORGAN,

CHOIR.

CHOIR MASTER.

J. SPENCER BROCK.

ORGANIST.

ROBERT B. SALTER, JR.

BASSES.

C. B. NANCREDE, M. D., WILLIAM JONES,
HARRY KINZLE, F. E. REMONT,
F. R. REMONT.

TENORS.

OLIVER MUNNS, CHARLES LYNCH,
J. W. PARRY, GEORGE WHARTON.

ALTOS.

AUSTIN D. MIXSELL, LOUIS M. REMONT,
G. LAWRENCE GAFF.

SOPRANOS.

DAVID MCCrackEN, EDWARD L. GILCHRIST,
GEORGE W. HAWKINS, CHARLES F. GOLDBURN,
SAMUEL MCCrackEN, ALBERT E. KINGSTON,
ROBERT BRIGHT, WALTER A. LYNCH,
JAMES H. DUNLAP, HARRY P. J. NORTON,
ARTHUR D. FLEMING, WILLIAM J. PERRY.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
3.30 P. M.—Choral Litany and Instruction.
7.45 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

HOLY DAYS.

7.30 and 10.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY.

From October to June.

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
7.45 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer.

Sunday School and Bible Classes, 2.30 P. M.
Industrial School, 10.00 A. M., Saturdays, from November to Easter.
Bible Class and Mother's Meeting Saturdays 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ P. M., from October to June.
The Parish Library is open after the Wednesday evening service during the Winter.

STATISTICS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1885.)

Baptisms—Infants	27
Confirmed	19
Communicants added, new 18	
Received from other parishes . . 41	
Total	59
Died	6
Removed	28
Present number	282
Marriages	5
Burials	15
Services, Sundays 199	
Week days 498	
Total	697
Average Attendance, Sundays . . 249	
“ “ Week days 28	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion,	
Public 147	
Private 10	
Total	157
Number of Communions made . . . 2102	
“ Sermons preached 256	
Children catechised (times) . . . 74	
Number of families known to the clergy . 200	
“ individuals 558	
“ scholars in Sunday Schools . . 164	
“ “ Bible Classes 65	
“ “ Industrial School 100	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1885.)

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms—Chests, Guilds, and individual contributions (all being freewill offerings) . . .	\$10,179 89
Pew rents	23 00
In full for property on Lombard Street.	2,500 00
Interest on deposits	233 76
Sale of Work, etc.	619 89
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	\$13,536 54

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton . . .	906 66
Music	445 47
Miscellaneous	646 04
Repairs and Improvements	9,027 00
Convention Fund	105 00
Interest on Mortgage	1,500 00
Charities—	
Poor	\$161 98
Schools	123 15
Domestics Missions	68 29
Foreign “	24 00
Freedmen “	34 25
Indian “	32 25
Diocesan “	26 72
Female Prayer Book Soc’y . . .	19 00
“ Tract Society	5 00
Enrolement Fund	45 00
Episcopal Hospital	13 70
Theological Education	50 00
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	\$603 44

\$23,233 61

ANALYSIS OF OFFERTORY.

SHOWING THE SUMS IN WHICH IT WAS RECEIVED.

From 1st May, 1886 to 1st May, 1887.

2	offerings of	\$500 00	\$1000 00
1	"	400 00	400 00
2	"	300 00	600 00
1	"	274 43	274 43
1	"	250 00	250 00
3	"	200 00	600 00
1	"	150 00	150 00
2	"	136 15	272 30
16	"	100 00	1,600 00
16	"	50 00	800 00
1	"	40 00	40 00
3	"	30 00	90 00
21	"	25 00	525 00
10	"	20 00	200 00
5	"	15 00	75 00
32	"	10 00	320 00
1	"	8 32	8 32
1	"	7 00	7 00
1	"	6 00	6 00
122	"	5 00	610 00
3	"	3 00	9 00
19	"	2 50	47 50
1	"	2 25	2 25
80	"	2 00	160 00
561	"	1 00	561 00
414	"	50	207 00
1671	"	25	417 75
2636	"	10	263 60

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4776	offerings of	\$ 05	238 80
700	"	03	21 00
13847	"	01	138 47

24950 \$9,894 42

No classified record of 285 47

Total \$10,179 89

Includes for the Building Fund, \$5,796 20.

THE Church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The Church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory, at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability, as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight. All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the Church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, &c. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the Church, to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, &c.

In order to comply with the charter of the Church, which prescribes that the Vestry shall be elected by those who "have paid two consecutive years for a pew or sitting," the nominal charge of \$1 for an *unassigned* sitting, or \$4 for a pew is made, which persons desiring to vote for Vestrymen must pay annually to the Warden.

The following articles have been presented to the Church during the past year:

Lot in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, containing 200 square feet, 8 stain glass memorial windows, representing the Annunciation, Nativity, Circumcision, Presentation in the Temple, Christ in the midst of the Doctors, the Sermon on the Mount, Christ Healing the Sick, Christ Raising the Dead; memorial brass eagle lectern, cut stone base for same; the cutting of 2 capitals and 2 stone corbels in the Church; large silver embossed alms receiver, four silver alms basins, silver ewer and basin, silver private baptismal bowl, silver private communion set, 2 silver knives, silver gilt altar spoon, 2 silver communion spoons, silver bell, all in memory of a deceased member of the congregation; set of ancient vestments, viz: red lama silk chasuble, dalmatic, stole, chalice veil and burse embroidered, violet silk chasuble, eucharistic and choir stoles, chalice veil and burse, white embroidered silk maniple, Bishop's mitre and gloves, Priest's biretta, green, white, violet and red silk markers with metal crosses for litany book, red silk markers with same for choir book,

2 cut-glass altar cruets, wood and brass memorial alms chest for vestibule, pair of brass memorial altar candlesticks, hymn board and tins with figures, 2 large mats for vestibule, 2 corn mats for school-house, 25 prayer books and 25 hymnals, 2 bottles of ink and some pens and pen holder, closet in parish building, small Oxford Bible for pulpit, painting of brick work of tower, walnut banner pole with brass mountings, card and frame for vestibule teaching duty of prayer in church, 5 palms for Palm Sunday, large quantity of flowers for festival days and during the summer, silver cross prize for best choir boy, 3 knives prizes for choir boys, 13 dozen Easter eggs, brass extinguisher, wooden platform for school-room, mirror for vestry, flags, 2 cut stones to keep back doors, pieces of velvet and ingrain carpets for kneeling mats, several photograph negatives of interior of church, canton flannel curtains and rod for choir room, 15 volumes for parish library, 5⁰⁰ do. for Sunday School, 100 printed lables for choir books, 400 tickets for parish tea, do. for entertainments and programmes for do., 100 tickets for parlor sale, setting of type for collection papers, large number of fancy articles, pictures, perfumery, &c., for sale, cakes, oranges, &c. for Sunday School and other festivals; bread, butter, ham, tongue, cream, cake, &c. for parish tea, and 5 gallons of wine for Holy Communion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school, 2 female and 1 male, Bible classes, which have met every Sunday at

2.30 P. M. The children attending the Litany service after the close of the school. The total collections of the Sunday school have been \$104.08, of which amount \$24.23 was given to missions, \$51.00 paid for new desks for the school and the remainder for ordinary expenses.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$46.50. The children sold their work for the benefit of the Church, realizing \$13.00.

THE NEW CHURCH.—The nave and aisles of the permanent Church were completed and ready for use in December 1886, and were opened with an octave of services, consisting of a celebration of the Holy Communion each morning, and a sermon by a special preacher each evening, extending from December 11th to the 18th. The chancel and tower remain still to be erected, and a mortgage of \$25,000 on the property to be removed. Special offerings for these objects, in addition to what is needed to meet the current expenses of the Church are asked from all interested in the Parish.

The following subscriptions towards the Building Fund have been received since the publication of the last Year Book:

Cash	\$300 00
" R."	100 00
Mr. Francis Keese (additional)	100 00
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Galloway	50 00
The Rev. Dr. Meier Smith (additional) . .	50 00
Mr. James Rawle	50 00
George G. Wise, M. D.	25 00
Mr. Chas. N. Danna	20 00
Collected by Miss Brinca Gilpin	15 46
" " Augustus Jackson	13 81
" " Miss Rachel Barker	10 00
Cash	10 00
Collected by Miss Genoa Davis	5 00
" " Mr. Edward T. Teakle	5 00
" " Mr. H. M. Wright	5 00
" " Mrs. Stewart Mitchell	5 00
" " Mrs. Sarah S. Krider	5 00
" " Mr. William Kinzie	5 00
" " Miss Sinnickson	5 00
" " " Agnes Hiller	5 00
" " " Katie Hance	5 00
" " Blackwell	5 00
The Rev. R. C. Matlack, D. D.	5 00
Miss Goodman	5 00
Gustave E. Bonnet, M. D.	5 00
Through Rev. Mr. DuBois	5 00
Collected by Miss Simons	3 00
" " " Young	2 45
" " " King	1 00
" " " Helen H. Hodge	1 00
Mr. Oliver Munns (additional)	50
Amount previously acknowledged . . .	10,178 89
" contributed for memorials	1,821 68

Total contributions for building . . \$12,843 79

WOMEN'S GUILD.

MASTER.

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,

Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

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Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter.

The members of this Chapter represent the Parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of missions or in other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the

meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

MEMBERS.

Domestic Missions.

Mrs. W. H. Cope,
Mrs. Weaver.

Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Chas. B. Nancrede,
Mrs. J. E. Carpenter.

Freedmen Missions.

Mrs. G. W. Hodge,
Mrs. M. S. Atwood.

Indian Mission.

Miss E. C. Zantzinger,
Mrs. Augustus Jackson.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Miss Mary H. White.

Female Tract Society.

Mrs. Samuel Wetherill.

REPORT.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$42.50, of which \$5.00 was paid towards the salary of a sister in the hospital at Oregon, the remainder was spent in purchase of articles for missionary boxes.

The committee also received the following donations : 4 pairs drawers, boy's cap, girl's dress, 17 collars, 3 white shirts, 2 child's waists, riding habit, white pique dress, child's do., pair ladies stockings, 4 pair boys white pants, 2 flannel skirts, 3 white child's skirts, linen duster, satine dress, 5 child's undershirts, 3 pair woven drawers, 4 flannel shirts, ulster, overcoat, cloak, pair pantaloons, vest, 3 cakes of soap, tea, sugar, coffee, rice, raisins, grits, hominy, fine sugar and canned goods ; box containing cotton, silk, tapes, buttons, brush, &c. These things together with the clothes made by the Working Chapter formed 2 boxes, 1 sent to a Missionary in Pennsylvania, valued at \$60, another to a Missionary in Texas, valued at \$15. Another box containing clothes for the poor, valued at \$26, was sent to S. Chrysostom's Mission in this city.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$24.00, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary for Insurance on lives of missionaries.

Freedman Committee.

Money collected, \$34.25, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary for various purposes connected with southern missions.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$32.25, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$19.00.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$5.00.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the clergy that they may be attended to, and if needy relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mother's Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Grimbail,	Mrs. Augustus Jackson,
Miss Jackson,	Miss An'e Chamberlaine
Mrs. and Miss Bond,	Miss Mumford,
Miss Duncan,	Miss Lloyd,
Mrs. W. F. Smith,	Miss Mary Price.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy. Two have done district visiting. Work was regularly given out on Friday evenings during the winter to 21 women, 120 pieces being cut out and given to them free of charge. Over 300 pieces of clothing have been received for distribution among the poor.

A bed, stove, carpet, 2½ tons of coal, groceries and provisions, several Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were provided, also delicacies for the sick.

Others have been assisted from the alms for the poor. Total amount expended, \$161.89.

Offerings for the poor may be placed in the alms boxes for the poor in the vestibule of the the church, or handed to Mrs. Grimball, who has charge of the Mother's Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week, for this purpose.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for Missionary boxes, and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Miss Wurts,	Mrs. W. F. Smith,
Mrs. Cope,	Miss Jane B. Hewson,
Mrs. Weaver,	Miss Mary H. White,
Mrs. McPhail,	Mrs. Hiller,
Miss Dickerson,	Mrs. Beath,
Mrs. Bond,	Miss Parmelee,
	Miss Stokes.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter cut out and made up the material purchased by the Missionary Chapter into articles needed for the missionary box making a total of 24 garments.

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for missionary boxes, can be sent to the Church at any time, and work is given out after the 10.00 A. M. or 7.45 P. M. service on Wednesdays during the winter.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Miss Hendry,	Miss Duncan,
" Emma DeHaven,	Mrs. Milliken,
" Hewson,	Miss Newman,
Mrs. Haverstick,	" Alice Rousseau,
" W. F. Smith,	Mrs. Wetherill,
Miss Sank,	" DeHaven,
Misses Harper,	" and Miss Keys,
Miss Tames,	Miss Wurts,
" M. E. Williams, (asso)	Mrs. Hull, (associate)
Mrs. Hayward,	Miss Florence Smith,
Misses Davis,	" Parmelee,
Mrs. W. W. Cooper,	" King,
	Miss Dickerson.

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

Amount expended for materials, \$21.16.

Set of 5 violet silk alms basin mats, do. white satin, do. green silk, 2 green silk stoles, a napkin for the Lavabo, were made and embroidered for the Church, an old lace chalice pall, and two pieces of hand-made lace, a surplice was made and embroidered for the rector, and a cotta for server, and a verger's gown provided for sexton, 6 surplices, 7 cottas, and 2 cassocks were executed as orders.

A green cloth and velvet dossal for back of altar, and red carpet hangings for main doors of church, with oak rods and rings, were provided and made up, a green silk stole, a white silk do., set of white silk markers, testament covers, set of white silk markers fringed, designs on white markers were executed for orders, two white silk stoles, 2 green do., and one violet were presented to missionary clergymen.

A banner of Virgin and Child painted on silk was made and presented to S. Mary's Guild.

The class meets every Wednesday after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Flower Committee.

Money received, \$81.29. The Committee have provided 2, and frequently 4 bouquets for the altar on every Sunday and holy day throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. They have also supplied the candles for the altar.

This Committee has also had the care, and paid for the washing, of all the vestments and altar linen of the Church. The washing of the surplices during Lent was done gratuitously.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Jane B. Hewson, Treasurer.

One member of the Chapter has had the care of the altar vessels and another provided the altar bread.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. W. F. Smith,	Miss Young,
Miss Jackson,	" Florence Smith,
Misses Spear,	" Morrell,
Miss Jane Hewson,	" Carman,
" An'e Chamberlaine,	Mrs. & Misses Blackwell,
" Barker (associate),	Miss Wurts,
" Mumford,	" Parmelee,
" Atwood (associate)	Misses Harper,
" Keys,	Mrs. Hodge,
Mrs. Hayward,	" and Miss Bond,
Miss Tames,	Miss Haslett,
" Schotts,	" Marples,
" Hiller,	" Calder,
" Duncan,	" Mary Jackson,
" Schock,	Mrs. Grimal,
	Mrs. Haverstick.

Three members of this Chapter have taught girls' Bible classes. Two have taught a young men's Bible class. Twenty one have taught in the main and Infant Sunday-school, and eleven in the Industrial School. One taught a class in the Sunday-school and one in the Sewing-school of the Church of the Crucifixion; one played the organ in the Sunday-school and Litany service and another in the Industrial School.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday-school at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the Church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS.

Miss Hewson,	Miss Parmelee,
Mrs. Bond,	" Newnam,
Misses Harper,	Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Hull (associate),	" Wurts,
" Millikin,	" Florence Smith,
Misses Chamberlaine,	" Metcalf,
Mrs. Nicholson.	

REPORT.

60 orders for underclothing, aprons, &c., were received and executed. Money received, \$80.24.

Money expended for material for cassocks, surplices, &c., made by the Altar Chapter, and other materials for work, \$69.04; towards salary of assistant minister, \$20.00.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.

It also has a basket of fancy articles constantly on hand for sale.

MEN'S GUILD.

MASTER.

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE.

Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All male communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the Church, but not communicants may become members upon application to the master. Men belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely

voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—*All Saints' Day.*

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed, and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS.

Dr. R. Keys, Dr. Gustave Bonnet,
Dr. C. B. Nancrede,

REPORT

Some 15 professional visits have been paid, some 6 office visits received by the physicians who are members of the Chapter, some \$10 worth of medicines have been given away. One situation was obtained for a man out of work.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday-schools and Bible classes.

MEMBERS.

Mr. Berkley Grimbail, Mr. Wm. Henry Stark,
" Chas. Tingley, " Walter Newnam,
" F. E. Remont, " Harry Kinzle,
Mr. Arlington T. Moore.

REPORT.

Three members of this Chapter have acted as superintendents of the Sunday-school. Three have had charge of the Sunday-school library. One has taught a class in the Sunday-school.

Lay Helpers' Chapter.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS.

Mr. Wm. H. Stark, Mr. F. E. Remont,
Dr. Nancrede, " F. R. Remont.
Mr. E. L. Teakle, " Wm. Remont,
" Geo. H. Haverstick, " Walter Newnam,
" H. M. Wright (asso.) " Hall Jackson,
" Wm. Jones, " Harry Kinzle,
" Chas. Lynch (asso.) " Geo. Wharton,
" Wm. Kinzle, " Arlington Moore.
Mr. James Wadlow,

REPORT.

Ten members of this Chapter have sung more or less regularly in the choir. One occasionally played the organ Sunday afternoon and during Lent. Five have at times assisted in the service

of the Church as lay readers. One has acted as sacristan. Three have acted as lay servers. Three as cross bearers. One arranged the flowers for the altar. Two have had charge of the parish library, being present every Wednesday evening to give out books. Several dressed the Church for Christmas. One furnished the statistical items for the year book and drew designs for embroidery work of the Women's Guild.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage young men to live a Godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the Fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room, in the parish building, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, except during the summer months; on the first Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the third for recreation.

WARDEN.

The Rev. Wm. B. Thorn.

MEMBERS.

Mr. J. B. Henderson,	Mr. Frank Markland,
" Harry L. Kinzle,	" Walter M. Newnam,
" Wm. H. Cope,	" Edw. L. Teakle,
" W. H. Hebden,	" John Volmer,

Mr. Jos. Barton,	Mr. Wm. Henry Stark,
" Wm. F. Bucher,	" Jas. Wadlow,
" H. M. Wright,	" Lawrence Gaff,
" F. C. Kinzle,	" Harry Whitehouse,
" Wm. F. Kinzle,	" Walter P. Burns,
" Hall Jackson,	" Arlington T. Moore,
" Geo. Wharton,	" Chas. Tingley,
" John Haslitt,	" Phillip B. Twells,
" Leighton M. Mixsell	" Geo. Gerenbeck,
Mr. Geo. Hubley.	

Probationers.

Austin D. Mixsell,	Lewis Schotts,
Harry Carson,	Wm. Morgan,
Frank Cliff.	

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mr. Leon Bonnet,	Mr. Chas. Bonnet, Jr.,
Mr. Jas. M. Blackwell.	

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except during the summer months,

on the second Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the fourth for work or recreation.

SUPERIOR.

Mrs. BOND.

MEMBERS

Mrs. W. F. Smith,	Miss Kathleen Haslitt,
Miss Dickerson,	" Maggie Coleman,
Mrs. Milliken,	" Price,
Miss Mary Broomhead,	" Mary McCann,
" M. W. Harper,	" Agnes Hiller,
" M. G. Harper,	" Annie Montgomery
" Lottie Milliken,	" Florence Smith,
" Alice Spear,	" Bessie Spear,
" Miriam Smith.	" J. Davis,
" P. Montgomery,	" G. Davis,
" Rowan,	" Ballentine,
" Bond,	" Katie Hiller,
" Tames,	" Duncan,
Mrs. Hayward,	" Stewart,
Miss Schots,	Mrs. Haverstick,
" E. Ruleff,	Miss Lloyd,
" L. Ruleff,	" Calder,
" Whitehouse,	" Milliken,
" Young,	" Voigt.

Probationer.

Miss Walker.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Miss Jane B. Hewson.

CHURCH
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YEAR BOOK,
1887-'88.

Officers.

CLERGY.

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector*.

The Rev. HENRY KITTSON, M. A., *Assistant*.

WARDENS.

J. EDWARD CARPENTER, *Rector's Warden*.

GEORGE H. HAVERSTICK, *Accounting Warden*.

VESTRYMEN.

ROGER KEYS, M. D.,
CHARLES B. NANCREDE, M. D.,
SAMUEL WETHERILL,
THOMAS SINNICKSON,
FRANCIS S. KEESE,
WILLIAM H. COPE,
THOMAS ROBB,
THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.,
CHARLES E. BONNET,
SALMON A. BUELL.

SEXTON.

WILLIAM J. MORGAN.

Choir.

CHOIR MASTER.
J. SPENCER BROCK.

ORGANIST.
ROBERT B. SALTER, JR.

SOPRANOS.

LEE ANDERSON,	GEORGE W. HAWKINS,
REGNOLD W. CLARKE,	WALTER A. LYNCH,
JAMES H. DUNLAP,	WILLIAM J. PERRY,
EDWARD L. GILCHRIST,	JOHN A. SNYDER,
CHARLES F. GOLDBURN,	FRANCIS WARD,
ALEXANDER C. GOULD,	JOSEPH WARD,
JAMES L. WHARTON.	

ALTOS.

FRANK L. FUGATE,	WILLIAM H. MOWBRAY,
AUSTIN D. MIXSELL,	LOUIS M. REMONT.

TENORS.

FREDERICK JACKSON,	GEORGE WHARTON,
CHARLES LYNCH,	ARTHUR L. WILSON.

BASSES.

G. LAWRENCE GAFF,	C. B. NANCREDE, M. D.,
WILLIAM JONES,	F. E. REMONT,
FRANK KEMON,	F. R. REMONT,
C. G. MACEY,	C. G. WOOLSEY.

Services.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M.—Choral Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
3.30 P. M.—Choral Litany and Instruction.
7.45 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

HOLY DAYS

7.30 and 10.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY.

From October to June,

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
7.45 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer.

Sunday School and Bible Classes, 2.30 P. M.
Industrial School, 10.00 A. M. Saturdays, from November to Easter.

Bible Class and Mother's Meeting, Saturdays, 7¼ P. M., from October to June.

The Parish Library is open after the Wednesday evening service during the Winter.

Statistics

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1888.

Baptisms—Adults	5	
Infants	23	
Total	—	28
Confirmed		24
Communicants added, new	13	
Received from other parishes	40	
Total	—	53
Died		3
Removed		26
Present number		306
Marriages		3
Burials		20
Services, Sundays	214	
Week days	522	
Total	—	736
Average attendance, Sundays		319
“ “ Week days		28
Celebrations of the Holy Communion,		
Public	170	
Private	10	
Total	—	180
Number of Communions made		2578
“ Sermons preached		238
Children catechised (times)		74
Number of families known to the clergy		225
“ individuals		556
“ scholars in Sunday Schools		160
“ “ Bible Classes		55
“ “ Industrial School		100

Financial Statistics

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms-Chests, Guilds, and individual contributions, (all being freewill offerings)	\$6,172 87
Pew rents	49 00
Legacy	100 00
Rent of lot during Centennial Celebration	500 00
Proceeds of Entertainments	233 17
Interest on deposits	17 97
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EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$1,377 42
Music	997 25
Miscellaneous	821 90
Repairs and Improvements	1,416 35
Convention Fund	40 00
Interest on Mortgage	1,500 00
Charities—	
Poor	\$130 04
Schools	96 64
Domestic Missions	87 61
Foreign “ 	36 88
Freedmen “ 	28 75
Indian “ 	49 00
Diocesan “ 	36 32
Female Tract Society	5 00
Free Church Association	18 32
Episcopal Hospital	55 13
Theological Education	50 00
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	\$593 69
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	\$6,746 61

Analysis of Offertory.

*Showing the sums in which it was received,
from 1st May, 1887, to 1st May, 1888.*

I	offering of	\$271 00.					\$271 00
5	"	235 00 .	.	.	.	.	235 00
1	"	150 00 .	.	.	.	.	750 00
1	"	135 51 .	.	.	.	.	135 51
2	"	100 00 .	.	.	.	.	200 00
1	"	90 00 .	.	.	.	.	90 00
8	"	50 00 .	.	.	.	.	400 00
1	"	45 00 .	.	.	.	.	45 00
1	"	36 00 .	.	.	.	.	36 00
8	"	25 00 .	.	.	.	.	200 00
5	"	20 00 .	.	.	.	.	100 00
3	"	15 00 .	.	.	.	.	45 00
1	"	14 00 .	.	.	.	.	14 00
2	"	11 00 .	.	.	.	.	22 00
27	"	10 60 .	.	.	.	.	270 00
1	"	8 00 .	.	.	.	.	8 00
93	"	5 00 .	.	.	.	.	465 00
3	"	4 00 .	.	.	.	.	12 00
i	"	3 50 .	.	.	.	.	3 50
9	"	3 00 .	.	.	.	.	27 00
33	"	2 50 .	.	.	.	.	82 50
3	"	2 25 .	.	.	.	.	6 75
93	"	2 00 .	.	.	.	.	186 00
2	"	1 50 .	.	.	.	.	3 00
632	"	1 00 .	.	.	.	.	632 00
422	"	.50 .	.	.	.	.	211 00
2386	"	.25 .	.	.	.	.	596 50
1	"	.20 .	.	.	.	.	20
3265	"	.10 .	.	.	.	.	326 50
5650	"	.05 .	.	.	.	.	282 50
537	"	.03 .	.	.	.	.	16 11
13034	"	.01 .	.	.	.	.	130 34
							\$5,802 41

Includes for the Building Fund,	\$1,025	47
" " Church Debt,	357	70

THE Church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The Church depends for its support entirely on the free will offerings of the worshippers made through the offertory, at the principle services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability, as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight. All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the Church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, &c. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the Church, to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, &c.

In order to comply with the charter of the Church, which prescribes that the Vestry shall be elected by those who "have paid two consecutive years for a pew or sitting," the nominal charge of \$1 for an *unassigned* sitting, or \$4 for a pew is made, which persons desiring to vote for Vestrymen must pay annually to the Warden.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year:

Stained glass memorial window representing Christ stilling the tempest, stained glass memorial light over the aisle door on the east side of the church, representing Christ blessing little children,

stained glass clere-story window representing S. Peter, carving of six stone capitals of the columns in the church, 68 racks for books on the back of the seats, two racks for papers in the vestibule, an oak bier, large folio Oxford Bible for lectern, painting and lettering wooden sign on front of the church, painting temporary sign of services, gilding altar cross, 3 books for Sunday school library, 1 do. for parish library, closet in parish building, 5 doz. cups and saucers, 4 doz. plates, 1 large tin coffee pot, 2 dish pans, 2 large iron pans, 2 mops, 1 doz. tea towels, 2 Japan waiters, 1 galvanized waiter, 300 cards of invitation to Christmas festival, 175 oranges and large number of cakes for do., 400 envelopes for missionary offerings, book for Litany desk, two large prayer books bound in red Turkey morocco for clergy stalls, satchel to carry communion plate, seven and a-half feet of hand made lace for front of altar, 50 kneeling cushions and 25 old ones made over, box of pens and quantity of paper and blotter for Vestry, white silk banner painted with heads of angels, walnut cross bar with brass ends for do., also gilt bar with brass rings, 13 doz. Easter eggs, 400 tickets for parish tea, 2 signs for vestibule, water cooler for Vestry, cakes, ham, tea, bread, butter, sugar, chickens, &c. for parish tea, 24 fans for use of the choir, 6 Testaments, tickets to Zoo for choir boys, number of altar wafers, 21 prayer books and 16 hymnals for the church, 5 gallons of wine for the communion, pieces of carpet for hassocks, fair linen cloth, corporal, pall,

chalice veil and purse embroidered, photograph of Rev. H. O. DuBois and frame for do., quantity of palms for Palm Sunday, pot of artificial flowers for Vestry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school, 1 female and 2 male, Bible classes, which have met every Sunday at 2.30 P. M. The children attending the Litany service after the close of the school. The total collections of the Sunday school have been \$75.46 of which amount \$18.72 was given to missions, \$27.00 paid for new books for the Sunday school library and the remainder for ordinary expenses.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$36.00. The children sent 100 pieces of clothing thus made, together with groceries and \$2.60 they collected to the Home for Colored Cripple Children.

BUILDING FUND.—Some small additions to this fund have been made during the past year by means of collection papers, the amount now on hand being \$177.50.

CHURCH DEBT.—A circular was issued last May to those who had contributed towards the building of the church, asking for annual pledges for three years towards paying the mortgage on the property which falls due in June, 1890. Pledges to the amount of some \$3,000 have been made, of which \$783.24 has been paid in. This debt is a great burden upon the parish as \$1500 has to be paid on it every year for interest. It is earnestly hoped that all who can do so will contribute toward its reduction.

ENVELOPE SYSTEM.—The Vestry also adopted at the beginning of the present fiscal year, May 1, 1888, what is known as the envelope system. Every person regularly attending the church is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the church weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. The system has resulted in largely increasing the income of the church during the past summer.

Women's Guild.

MASTER.

The REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All female communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the Church, but not communicants, may become members, upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter.

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or in other

benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

MEMBERS.

Domestic Missions.

Mrs. W. H. Cope,
Miss Wurts.

Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Chas. B. Nancrede,
Mrs. J. E. Carpenter.

Freedmen Missions.

Mrs. G. W. Hodge,
Mrs. M. S. Atwood.

Indian Mission.

Miss E. C. Zantinger,
Mrs. Augustus Jackson.

Female Prayer Book Society and Female Tract Society.

Mrs. Samuel Wetherill.

REPORT.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$60.08 of which \$5.00 was paid towards the salary of a sister in the hospital

at Oregon, the remainder was spent in purchase of articles for missionary box.

The Committee also received the following donations: lot of books, toys for children, case of writing paper, groceries, lot of partially worn clothing, including shirts, collars, shoes, caps, wraps, overcoats, dresses, men's and boys' clothing, and underclothing, &c. These things together with the clothes made by the Working Chapter, and the articles purchased formed a box sent to a missionary in Virginia, valued at \$167.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$31.50, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary for Insurance on lives of missionaries.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$28.75, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary, for various purposes connected with southern missions.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$49.00, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Female Prayer Book Society.

No collections.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$5.00.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the clergy that they may be attended to, and if needy relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mother's Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Grimbail,	Mrs. Augustus Jackson,
Miss Jackson,	Miss Lloyd,
Miss Duncan,	Miss Mary Price.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy. One has done district visiting. Work was regularly given out on Saturday evenings during the Winter to 21 women, 100 pieces being cut out and given to them free of charge. 432 pieces of clothing have been received for distribution among the poor; a stove, 5 tons of coal, medicines, groceries and provisions. Several Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were provided, also delicacies for the sick. Others have been assisted from the alms for the poor. Total amount expended, \$130.04.

Offerings for the poor may be placed in the alms boxes for the poor in the vestibule of the church, or handed to Mrs. Grimbail, who has

charge of the Mother's Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week, for this purpose.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for Missionary boxes, and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Miss Anderson,	Miss King,
Mrs. Cope,	Mrs. Milliken,
Miss Davis,	Mrs. Pollock,
Miss Duncan,	Mrs. W. F. Smith,
Mrs. Grimbail,	Miss Stewart,
Mrs. Hayward,	Mrs. Thorn,
Miss Haines,	Mrs. Weaver,
Mrs. Hiller,	Miss Mary H. White,
Miss Tames,	Miss Wurts.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter cut out and made up the material purchased by the Missionary Chapter into articles needed for the missionary box, making a total of 91 garments.

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for missionary boxes, can be sent to the church at any time, and work is given out after the 10 00 A. M. or 7.45 P. M. service on Wednesdays during the winter.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Miss Hendry,	Mrs. Wetherill,
" Hewson,	" Keys,
Mrs. Haverstick,	Miss Wurts,
Misses Harper,	Mrs. Hull, (asso.)
Miss Tames,	Miss Parmelee,
" M. E. Williams, (asso.)	" King,
Mrs. Hayward,	" Dickerson,
Misses Davis,	Mrs. Pollock,
Mrs. W. W. Cooper,	" Whelen,
Miss Stokes,	Miss Haines,
" Anderson,	Mrs. Grimball,
" Duncan,	Miss Barrington,
Mrs. Milliken,	" Mary H. White,
Miss Alice Rousseau,	" Hoy.

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

Amount expended for materials, \$38.26.

Set of 5 red alms basin mats, 5 green silk do., 2 linen surplices, 2 fair linen covers for credence, one do. for altar, 4 linen maniples, linen chalice veil, and baptismal napkin were made and embroidered for the church. A linen cover was

made for the lectern, a cassock was made for the Rector, also a white and a violet silk stole made and embroidered. A green silk stole was made and embroidered for the Rev. Mr. DuBois, and a set of white silk book markers for the Rev. Mr. Thorn. A cassock was made for the Rev. Mr. Stark, and one for one of the members of the choir. A white silk banner was made up. Three black silk stoles and one white one, a violet pulpit fall and desk cover, a white super frontal for altar, a pulpit and desk fall, were executed as orders.

A surplice, fair linen cloth, pall, corporal, white silk burse, two markers, black silk stole, and set of white silk markers, were made and presented to missionary churches.

The class meets every Wednesday after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Flower Committee.

Money received, \$129.45. The Committee have provided two, and frequently four bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received. And during three of the Summer months the Altar was supplied entirely by one member of the committee.

This Committee has also had the care, and paid for the washing, of all the vestments and altar linen of the Church. The washing of the surplices during Lent was done gratuitously.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Jane B. Hewson, Treasurer.

One member of the Chapter has had the care of the altar vessels.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Miss Jackson,	Miss Morrell,
Misses Spear,	" Carman,
Miss Jane Hewson,	Misses Blackwell,
" Annie Chamberlaine,	Miss Wurts,
Mrs. Hayward,	" Parmelee,
Miss Tames,	Misses Harper,
" Schotts,	Miss Bond,
" Hiller,	" Haslett,
" Duncan,	" Calder,
" Schock,	Mrs. Grimball,
" Anderson,	" Haverstick,
" Haines,	Miss Davis,
" Stewart,	" Croxton,
" Young,	Mrs. Pollock.

Two members of this Chapter have taught Bible classes. Twenty have taught in the main

and Infant Sunday school, and in the Industrial School. One taught a class in the Sunday school of the Church of the Crucifixion; one played the organ in the Sunday school and Litany service, and another in the Industrial School.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday school at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial school, also an excursion to the Park in June.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the Church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS.

Miss Hewson,	Mrs. Helsby,
Mrs. Bond,	Miss Tames,
Misses Harper,	Miss Stewart,
Mrs. Wharton,	Miss Duncan,
Miss Chamberlaine,	Mrs. Hayward,
Miss White,	Misses Davis,
Mrs. Buell,	Mrs. Nicholson,
Mrs. Milliken,	Miss Parmelee.

REPORT.

84 orders for underclothing, aprons, &c., were received and executed. Money received, \$30.10.

The members of this Chapter also made during Lent 26 pieces of clothing, which together with

71 pieces made by the members of S. Mary's Guild; also Easter eggs, groceries, candy and extract of beef, were sent as a donation to the Home for Colored Crippled Children in West Philadelphia. They also provided the material for surplices, cassocks, &c., made by the Altar Chapter; candles for the altar, gas lighter, and ivy vines.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the Winter at 3 P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.

Men's Guild.

MASTER.

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE.

Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

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Anniversary—*All Saints' Day.*

Beneficial Chapter.

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MEMBERS.

Dr. R. Keys, Dr. Gustave Bonnet,
Dr. C. B. Nancrede, Dr. Thomas R. Neilson.

REPORT.

Some 18 professional visits have been paid by the physicians who are members of the Chapter, some \$12 worth of medicines have been given away. Three persons were sent through their influence to the Episcopal Hospital. One situation was obtained for a man out of work.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday-schools and Bible classes.

MEMBERS.

Mr. Berkley Grimball, Mr. S. A. Buell,
 " Chas Tingley, " James M. Blackwell
 Mr. G. R. M. Grafton.

REPORT.

One member of this Chapter has acted as superintendent of the Sunday-school. Two have had charge of the Sunday-school library. Two have taught classes in the Sunday-school.

Lay Helpers' Chapter.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

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 Mr. Geo. H. Haverstick, " Arlington Moore,
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 " Wm. J. Morgan, " L. S. Gregory,
 " F. E. Remont, " Fred. Jackson,
 " F. R. Remont, " C. H. Taylor,
 " Wm. Remont, " Harry Carson,
 " Walter Newnam, " Lawrence Gaff,
 Mr. Frank Kemon.

REPORT.

Eleven members of this Chapter have sung more or less regularly in the choir. Four have at times assisted in the service of the church as lay readers. One has acted as sacristan. Four have acted as lay servers. Four as cross bearers. One as cornetist at the Litany service. One has had charge of the parish library, being present every Wednesday evening to give out books. Several dressed the church for Christmas. One made a wooden rood screen. One prepared the decorations for Thanksgiving day. One furnished the statistical items for the year book and drew designs for embroidery work of the Women's Guild.

Two members of this Chapter have formed a Choral Society and a Singing Class in connection with the parish. The Society began its operations in May, 1888. It now numbers seventy members. The Singing Class has some twenty-five members. Rehearsals have been held regularly once a week. It is proposed later to give some concerts. Some of the members of this Society have provided the music at the Wednesday evening service. The Society includes both vocalists and instrumentalists. It meets in the Parish Building every Monday, at 8 P. M.

St. Andrew's Brother- hood.

Ascension Chapter.

President,
THE RECTOR.

Vice President,
THE REV. HENRY KITTSON.

Secretary,
MR. HENRY CARSON.

Number of members, ten.

Beside filling their obligation of endeavoring to bring men to the Church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the Church on the street, on Sunday evenings, and leaflets containing the Order of Service at the Sunday evening service, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the Church.

St. John's Guild.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage young men to live a Godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the Fellowship of the church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room, in the parish building, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, except during the summer months; on the first Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the third for recreation.

WARDEN.

The Rev. Henry Kittson.

MEMBERS.

Mr. Harry L. Kinzle,	Mr. Edw. L. Teakle,
" Wm. H. Cope,	" John Volmer,
" H. M. Wright,	" Jas. Wadlow,
" F. C. Kinzle,	" Lawrence Gaff,
" Geo. Wharton,	" Walter P. Burns,
" John Haslett,	" Chas. Tingley,
" Walter M. Newnam,	" Geo. Gerenbeck,
" Geo. Hubley,	" Harry R. Carson,
" Wm. J. Morgan,	" W. B. Spear,
" Wm. S. Remont,	" James Dunlap.

Mr. Joseph Barton.

Probationers.

Austin D. Mixsell, Lewis Schotts,
Harry Norton.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin.

OBJECT

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except during the Summer months, on the second Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the fourth for work or recreation.

SUPERIOR.

MRS. BOND.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. W. F. Smith,	Mrs. Buell,
Miss Dickerson,	Miss Kathleen Haslett,
Mrs. Milliken,	" Price,
Miss M. W. Harper,	" Mary McCann,
" M. G. Harper,	" Agnes Hiller,
" Lottie Milliken,	" Annie Montgomery,
" Alice Spear,	" Bessie Spear,

Miss Rowan,	Miss J. Davis,
" Bond,	" G. Davis,
" Tames,	" Ballentine,
Mrs. Hayward,	" Katie Hiller,
Miss Schotts,	" Duncan,
" Whitehouse,	" Stewart,
" Young,	Mrs. Haverstick,
Mrs. Helsby,	Miss Hance,
Miss Lynch,	" McClenaghan,
" Trucks,	" DeBeust,
" Anderson,	" Wenzle,
" Carrie Jones,	" Voigt,
" Haines,	" Edith Spear.
	Miss Lloyd.

HONORARY MEMBER

Miss Jane B. Hewson..

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YEAR BOOK,
1888-'89.

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CHOIR MASTER

J. SPENCER BROCK.

ORGANIST

ROBERT B. SALTER, JR.

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ARTHUR E. GOULBURN,	WALTER A. LYNCH
CHARLES F. GOULBURN,	JOHN R. MASON,
DAVID HAWKINS,	WILLIAM J. PERRY,
FREDERICK J. HAWKINS,	JOHN A. SNYDER,
	FRANK G. SPEAR.

ALTOS

AUSTIN D. MIXSELL, LOUIS M. REMONT.

TENORS

FREDERICK JACKSON,	WILLIAM S. REMONT
CHARLES LYNCH,	ARTHUR L. WILSON.,

BASSES

G. LAWRENCE GAFF,	JOHN S. PAUL,
WILLIAM JONES,	F. E. REMONT,
FRANK KEMON,	F. R. REMONT,
	WILLIAM THORN.

Services.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M.—Choral Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
2.30 P. M.—Children's Service.
4.00 P. M.—Choral Litany and Instruction.
7.45 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

HOLY DAYS

7.30 and 10.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY

From October to June.

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
7.45 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer, and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.

Sunday School and Bible Classes, 3.00 P. M.

Industrial School, 10.00 A. M. Saturdays, from November to Easter.

Mothers Meeting, Wednesdays after the Evening Service, from October to June.

The Parish Library is open after the Wednesday evening service during the winter.

Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1889.

Baptisms—Adults	4	
Infants	46	
Total	50	
Confirmed	19	
Communicants added, new	24	
Received from other parishes	40	
Total	64	
Died	6	
Removed	32	
Present number	332	
Marriages	6	
Burials	23	
Services, Sundays	207	
Week days	616	
Total	823	
Average attendance, Sundays	322	
" " Week days	23	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion		
Public	178	
Private	2	
Total	180	
Number of Communion made	2684	
" Sermons preached	259	
Children catechised (times)	77	
Number of families known to the clergy	259	
" individuals	570	
" scholars in Sunday Schools	185	
" " Bible Classes	48	
" " Industrial School	190	

Financial Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1889.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms-Chests, Guilds and individual contributions, (all being freewill offerings)	\$11,159 47
Pew Rents	34 00
Proceeds of Entertainments	109 10
Interest on Deposits	24 95
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	\$11,327 52

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries Clergy and Sexton	\$2220 00
Music	1235 29
Miscellaneous	745 07
Repairs and Improvements	243 97
Convention Fund	72 87
Interest on Mortgage	1500 00
Charities—	
Poor	\$149 51
Schools	146 20
Domestic Missions	94 13
Foreign "	27 50
Freedmen "	24 00
Indian "	33 50
Diocesan "	27 05
Female Tract Society	9 00
Prayer Book Society	14 25
Episcopal Hospital	29 22
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	\$554 36

\$6,571 5

Analysis of Offertory.

*Showing the sums in which it was received,
from 1st May, 1888, to 1st May, 1889.*

1	offering of \$3000 00	\$3000 00
1	" 1000 00	1000 00
1	" 333 34	333 34
1	" 300 00	300 00
1	" 200 00	200 00
4	" 150 00	600 00
6	" 100 00	600 00
5	" 50 00	250 00
1	" 30 00	30 00
5	" 25 00	125 00
2	" 20 00	40 00
1	" 17 00	17 00
2	" 15 00	30 00
1	" 12 00	12 00
25	" 10 00	250 00
2	" 6 00	12 00
115	" 5 00	575 00
3	" 4 00	12 00
13	" 3 00	39 00
31	" 2 50	77 50
179	" 2 00	358 00
1	" 1 50	1 50
1	" 1 25	1 25
893	" 1 00	893 00
2	" 75	1 50
809	" 50	404 50
49	" 35	17 15
76	" 30	22 80
3153	" 25	788 25
213	" 20	42 60
352	" 15	52 80
3542	" 10	354 20
6343	" 05	317 15
401	" 03	12 03
13684	" 01	136 84
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\$11,159 47

Includes for the Building Fund, \$4,655 01
 " " Church Debt, 764 74

THE Church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The Church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers made through the offertory, at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability, as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the Church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, &c. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the Church, to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, &c.

In order to comply with the charter of the Church, which prescribes that the Vestry shall be elected by those who "have paid two consecutive years for a pew or sitting," the nominal charge of \$1 for an *unassigned* sitting, or \$4 for a pew is made, which persons desiring to vote for Vestrymen must pay annually to the Warden.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year.

Brass Altar rail, brass rail for font, 2 polished oak Hymn Tablets, 2 Turkish rugs for Sanctuary, kneeling carpet for altar rail, and font rail, carpet for Sacristy, 70 kneeling mats and hassocks, 313 books for Sunday school library, 18 do for parish library, pieces of carpet for kneeling mats, stone water filter, 44 Prayer books, 37 Hymnals, 7 wooden frames for pictures in Sunday school room, bottle of ink, 5 gallons of wine and bread and wafers for Communion, candles and flowers for Altar, piece of lace for stole, long handle for candle lighter, artificial flowers for vestry room, ornaments for Christmas tree, 27 doz. Easter eggs, 500 labels for books, 6 doz. cups and saucers, 2 sugar bowls, 3 small pitchers, 2 waiters, 2 Japan waiters, tin ware, crate of strawberries, large quantity of cake, sugar, tea, coffee, &c. for entertainments, bureau for Sacristy, do. for embroidery room, can of condensed milk, do. of milk food, brass standard, coffee pot,

fancy articles for fair, 200 oranges, 50 printed coal orders, sign "post no bills," 2 doz. palm leaf fans, 400 tickets for parish tea, 2 doz. plates, 2 doz. tea spoons, coloring walls and ceiling of the Guild room, carpet and table for do., Brown's Animal Creation, 60 parts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school, and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday at 2.30 P. M. The children attending service in the Church before, or after the close of the school. The total collections of the Sunday school have been \$78.37 of which amount \$27.99 was given to missions, \$5.00 paid for new books for the Sunday school library, \$21.00 for new book case and the remainder for ordinary expenses.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses \$38.08. The children sent a box of clothing and groceries to the home for Destitute Children on Lombard street. They also sold some of their work to the amount of \$7.00 which they contributed towards the fund for a new organ.

BUILDING FUND.—By a generous donation of \$3,000 from a member of the parish, and the receipt of \$1,000 from an estate, and by some of those who had contributed to the Church debt fund transferring their subscriptions to the Building Fund, the Vestry were enabled early in the spring, to make a contract for the erection of the Chancel of the Church at a cost of something over \$7,000, all of which was thus provided for. The Chancel was duly completed and formally opened by the Bishop of the Diocese on the last Sunday in September. It is a great improvement to the appearance of the Church and adds largely to its seating capacity. Articles of furniture and decoration are still needed for it, especially a large pipe organ, subscriptions for which will be gladly received.

It is hoped that regular subscriptions for reducing the Church debt will also be made.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called "*The Ascension News*" is published monthly excepting in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the Church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost.

Women's Guild.

MASTE^r.

The REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

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Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter.

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or in other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

MEMBERS.

Domestic Missions.

Mrs. W. H. Tevis,
Mrs. Weaver.

Foreign Missions.

Mrs. J. E. Carpenter,
Miss Hoy.

Freedmen Missions.

Mrs. Richard Gilpin,
Mrs. M. S. Atwood.

Indian Mission.

Miss E. C. Zantsinger,
Mrs. Augustus Jackson.

Female Prayer Book Society and Female Tract Society.

Mrs. Samuel Wetherill.

REPORT.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$65.35 of which \$5.00 was paid towards the salary of a sister in the hospital at Oregon, the remainder was spent in purchase of articles for a missionary box.

The box contained over 80 pieces of under-clothing, overcoat, clerical suit, leggings, shoes, gloves, dresses, 7 baby's dresses, 3 aprons, dozen handkerchiefs, comfortable, 3 lbs. of coffee, 3 lbs. of tea, 10 lbs of sugar,

5 lbs. of rice, etc. It was valued at \$177.34.

During Lent the members of the Ladies' Aid and of S. Mary's Guild, made up another box valued at \$100.

Both boxes were sent to clergymen in the Diocese of Minnesota.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$27.50, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary for Insurance on lives of missionaries.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$24.00, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary, for various purposes connected with southern missions.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$33.50, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$14.25.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$9.00.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the clergy that they may be attended to, and if needily relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers Meeting,

and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Kittson,	Mrs. Grimball,
Miss Jackson,	Mrs. Augustus Jackson,
Miss Stokes,	Miss McCauley,
Miss Mary Price,	Mrs. Keese,
	Mrs. Geo. F. Jordan.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy. One has done district visiting. Work was regularly given out on Friday evenings during the Winter to some 30 women, over 100 pieces being cut out and given to them free of charge. Some 500 pieces of clothing have been received for distribution among the poor; also, $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons of coal, medicines, groceries and provisions, several Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were provided, also delicacies for the sick. Others have been assisted from the alms for the poor. Total amount expended, \$149.51.

Offerings for these purposes may be placed in the alms boxes for the poor in the vestibule of the church, or handed to Mrs. Kittson who has charge of the Mother's Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for Missionary boxes, and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Cope,	Miss Anderson,
Mrs. Milliken,	Miss Davis,
Mrs. Pollock,	Miss Duncan,
Mrs. W. F. Smith,	Mrs. Grimball,
Miss Stewart,	Mrs. Weaver,
Mrs. Hiller,	Miss Mary H. White,
Mrs. Metcalf,	Miss Wurts.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter cut out and made up the material purchased by the Missionary Chapter into articles needed for the missionary box, making a total of 39 garments.

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for missionary boxes, can be sent to the church at any time, and work is given out after 10.00 A. M. or 7.45 P. M. service on Wednesday during the winter.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Kittson,	Miss Hewson,
Miss Hendry,	Mrs. Wetherill,
Mrs. Keys,	Mrs. Haverstick,
Miss Wurts,	Misses Harper,
Mrs. Hull, (asso.)	Miss M. Jackson.
Miss Parmelee,	Miss King,
Mrs. Tait,	Miss Dickerson,
Misses Davis,	Mrs. Pollock,
Mrs. W. W. Cooper,	Miss Franklin, (asso.)
Miss Stokes,	Miss Gilpin,
Miss Anderson,	Miss Duncan,
Miss Barrington,	Mrs. Milliken,
Miss Morrell,	Miss Carman,
Miss Alice Rousseau.	

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

Amount expended for materials, \$48.00.

A white silk stole, a white silk banner embroidered with an Agnus Dei, a red silk banner for S. Andrew's Brotherhood, with staff and mountings, a linen alb, amice, girdle, and embroidered chasuble, a linen surplice, lined cover for chalice pall, 3 linen maniples, linen baptismal napkin all embroidered, 3 purificators, hand made linen girdle, black silk girdle, 34 linen Cottas for the Choir, 11 cassocks for do, and one for cross bearer and one for server, were made for the church.

An altar cloth and pulpit hanging, a dosel, 2 red silk stoles and a violet stole were executed as orders.

An alb, chasuble, aurice and girdle were presented to a missionary clergyman in the

west and a cassock and surplice and an embroidered corporal, were made for a missionary to the Freedmen.

Several members of the Chapter took personally the care of the altar, clearing the chancel, etc.

The class meets every Wednesday, after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Flower Committee.

Money received, \$84.47. The Committee have provided two, and frequently four bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. And during three of the Summer months the altar was supplied entirely by one member of the committee.

This Committee has also had the care, and paid for the washing, of all the vestments and altar linen of the Church. The washing of the surplices during Lent was done gratuitously.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Jane B. Hewson, Treasurer.

One member of the Chapter has had care of the altar vessels, and two have supplied the altar Bread.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Miss Jackson,	Miss Morrell,
Misses Spear,	Miss Carman,
Miss Jane Hewson,	Misses Blackwell,
Miss Wurts,	Miss. McCauley,
Miss Parmelee,	Misses Harper,
Miss Bond,	Miss Gilpin,
Miss Hiller,	Miss Haslett,
Miss Duncan,	Miss Schock,
Mrs. Grimball,	Miss Anderson,
Mrs. Haverstick,	Miss Haines,
Miss Davis,	Miss Stewart,
Miss Croxton,	Mrs. Pollock,
Mrs. Atwood,	Mrs. Hodge,
Miss Keys,	Mrs. Woodward,
Miss Cooke, (asso.)	Miss Butler,
Miss Wood,	Mrs. Jordan

Three members of this Chapter have taught Bible Classes. Twenty have taught in the main and Infant Sunday school, and fourteen the Industrial School. One taught a class in the Sunday school of the Church of the Crucifixion, one in the Chinese Sunday school, one played the organ in the Sunday school and Litany service, and another in the Industrial School, and another in the Sunday school of the Church of the Epiphany.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday school at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial school, several other entertainments have also been given to the children during the year.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the Church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS.

Miss Hewson,	Mrs. Gundaker,
Mrs. and Miss Bond,	Miss Tames,
Mrs. Hamilton,	Mrs. Minshall,
Misses Harper,	Miss Stewart,
Mrs. Wharton,	Miss Duncan,
Miss Florence Smith,	Mrs. Hayward,
Miss Anderson,	Miss Butler,
Mrs. Buell,	Mrs. Nicholson,
Miss Cooke,	Mrs. Milliken,
Miss Parmelee,	Mrs. Blackwell,
	Mrs. Metcalf.

REPORT.

60 orders for underclothing, aprons, &c., were received and executed. Money received, \$22.85.

The members of this Chapter also made during Lent, together with the members of S. Mary's Guild the articles of clothing for the missionary box sent to the west.

They also provided the material for sur-

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Mr. Chas. Tingley,	Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Ray Jones.	

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dressed the church for Christmas. One furnished the statistical items for the year book and drew designs for embroidery work of the Women's Guild, one directed circulars, etc.

Two members of this Chapter have conducted a Choral Society and a Singing Class in connection with the parish, the rehearsals of which are held regularly once a week in the Parish building on Mondays at 8 P. M.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

Ascension Chapter.

President,
THE RECTOR.

Vice President,
THE REV. HENRY KITTSON.

Secretary,
MR. HENRY CARSON.

Number of members, 17

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to the Church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the Church

on the streets on Sunday evenings, and leaflets containing the Order of Service at the Sunday evening service, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the Church.

It meets in the Guild room on the second Thursday of each month, and the men of the congregation generally are invited to join it.

St. John's Guild.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage the boys of the parish to live a Godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the Fellowship of the church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room, in the parish building, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, except during the summer months; on the first Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the third for recreation.

Warden,

THE REV. HENRY KITTSON.

Secretary,

MR. HARRY CARSON.

Treasurer,

MR. WILLIAM REMONT.

Banner Bearer,

MR. LAWRENCE GAFF.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except during the Summer months, on the second Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the fourth for work or recreation.

SUPERIOR.

MRS. BOND.

Secretary, Miss Matilda Harper.

Treasurer, Miss Young.

Banner Bearer, Miss Alice Spear.

St. Barnabas Guild.

The object of this Guild is the same as S. John's Guild, the membership being limited to men over eighteen years of age.

It meets in the Guild room on the first Thursday of each month.

WARDENS.

Mr. Chas. Tingley,
Mr. William Gilpin.

Secretary, Mr. W. H. Montgomery.

Treasurer, Mr. Richard Miller.

CHURCH

--OF THE--

ASCENSION,

BROAD STREET,

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PHILADELPHIA.

YEAR BOOK,

1889-'90.

Officers.

CLERGY

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector.*
The Rev. HENRY KITTSON, M. A. } *Assistants.*
The Rev. H. L. GAMBLE, }

WARDENS

J. EDWARD CARPENTER, *Rector's Warden.*
GEORGE H. HAVERSTICK, *Accounting Warden.*

VESTRYMEN

*ROGER KEYS, M. D.
SAMUEL WETHERILL,
THOMAS SINNICKSON,
FRANCIS S. KEESE,
WILLIAM. H. COPE,
THOMAS ROBB,
THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.
CHARLES E. BONNET,
WILLIAM H. TEVIS,
WM. PLATT PEPPER.

SEXTON

WILLIAM J. MORGAN.

*Deceased June 10, 1890.

Choir.

CHOIR MASTER
J. SPENCER BROCK.

ORGANIST
ROBERT B. SALTER, JR.

SOPRANOS

REYNOLDS W. CLARKE,	JAMES JONES,
ALBERT H. EAYRE,	HARRY MILLER,
BENJAMIN FUGATE,	JOSEPH SPEAR,
ARTHUR E. GOULBURN,	JOHN R. MASON,
ALBERT CHALLMEN,	HARRY HIGHLAND,
ALEXANDER J. WALLACE,	JOHN A. SNYDER,
FRANK G. SPEAR,	ROBERT E. HARRIS.

ALTOS.

CHAS. J. KUGLER,	JAMES L. HORTON,
WILLIAM J. PERRY.	

TENORS

FREDERICK JACKSON,	E. C. CLAYTON,
WILLIAM B. GILPIN,	FRANCIS S. OSMAN,
CHAS. J. YOST.	

BASSES

G. LAWRENCE GAFF,	JOHN S. PAUL,
AUGUSTUS HENNINGS,	WILLIAM H. SMITH,
F. C. BOTWRIGHT,	WALTER THOMPSON.

CRUCIFERS AND SERVERS

WALTER M. NEWNAM,	REYNOLDS W. CLARKE,
JAMES H. DUNLAP,	ALBERT H. EAYRE,
FRANK L. FUGATE,	JAMES L. HORTON,
DAVID MCCracken, JR.,	FRANK SPEAR,
CARROLL HODGE,	HARRY ELLIS.

Services.

SUNDAYS

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M.—Choral Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
2.30 P. M.—Children's Service.
4.00 P. M.—Choral Litany and Instruction.
7.45 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

HOLY DAYS

7.30 and 10.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY

From October to June.

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
7.45 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.
7.30 A. M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion.

From June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.
Sunday School and Bible Classes, 3.00 P. M.
Industrial School, 10.00 A. M. Saturdays, from November to Easter.
Mothers' Meeting, Wednesdays after the Evening Service, from October to June.
The Parish Library is open after the Wednesday evening service during the winter.

Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1890.

Baptisms—Adults	5	
Infants	28	
Total	33	
Confirmed	24	
Communicants added, new	14	
Received from other parishes	61	
Total	75	
Died	6	
Removed	35	
Present number	366	
Marriages	3	
Burials	18	
Services, Sundays	239	
Week days	557	
Total	796	
Average attendance, Sundays	372	
" " Week days	27	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion		
Public	183	
Private	7	
Total	190	
Number of Communions made	3034	
" Sermons preached	239	
Children catechised (times)	79	
Number of families known to the Clergy	270	
" individuals	650	
" scholars in Sunday Schools	200	
" " Bible Classes	35	
" " Industrial School	100	

Financial Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms-Chests, Guilds and individual contribution, (all being freewill offerings)	\$11,184 73
Pew Rents	51 00
Proceeds of Entertainments	226 50
Interest on Deposits	86 82
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	\$11,549 05

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$ 2,050 00
Music	1,575 82
Miscellaneous	760 60
Repairs and Improvements	8,289 70
Convention Fund	93 11
Interest on Mortgage	1,500 00
Charities—	
Poor	\$228 67
Schools	146 75
Domestic Missions	72 50
Foreign "	23 00
Freedmen "	28 00
Indian "	51 00
Diocesan "	55 00
Female Tract Society	9 00
Prayer Book Society	12 00
Episcopal Hospital	27 07
S. Andrew's Brotherhood	8 09
Johnstown Sufferers	53 66
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	714 74

\$14,983 97

Analysis of Offertory.

Showing the sums in which it was received,
from 1st May, 1889 to 1st May, 1890

1 offering of \$1,000 00		\$1,000 00
2	"	500 00
1	"	333 33
1	"	250 00
1	"	200 00
3	"	150 00
7	"	100 00
9	"	50 00
1	"	34 89
4	"	30 00
1	"	28 67
1	"	26 66
13	"	25 00
1	"	24 66
1	"	20 00
1	"	18 00
3	"	15 00
34	"	10 00
1	"	7 50
2	"	7 00
1	"	5 35
170	"	5 00
1	"	4 00
15	"	3 00
23	"	2 50
5	"	2 25
1	"	2 10
184	"	2 00
1	"	1 50
1,245	"	1 00
960	"	50
62	"	35
155	"	30
3,654	"	25
222	"	20
331	"	15
3,254	"	10
6,566	"	05
359	"	03
14,074	"	01
31,377		

No classified record of

\$10,458 37
315 22

Includes for the Building Fund, \$1,891 62
" " Organ " 2,638 15

\$10,773 59

THE Church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The Church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers made through the offertory, at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability, as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the Church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for various benevolent purposes which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the Church—the payment of salaries, the music, inci-

dental expenses, &c. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the Church, to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, &c.

In order to comply with the charter of the Church, which prescribes that the Vestry shall be elected by those who "have paid two consecutive years for a pew or sitting," the nominal charge of \$1 for an *unassigned* sitting, or \$4 for a pew is made which persons desiring to vote for Vestrymen must pay annually to the Warden.

Since the publication of the last Year Book a Roosevelt organ, costing over \$4,000, has been placed in the Church, the pavement in front of the Church repaired and extended back to the parish building, the ground at the south of the Church leveled and sodded, stone steps placed at the doors and an iron railing extended the full length of the lot. To complete the payment for these improvements over \$1,000 is still required.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year :

Set of carved oak clergy and choir stalls, litany desk and two forms for servers, plush cushions for litany desk, clergy stalls, Bishop's seat and sedilia, oak vesting altar for sacristy, oak platform and desk for school room, oak extension table and ingrain carpet for Guild room, rugs for 2 Bible Class rooms, walls of Guild room and large Bible Class

room colored, closet for Mother's Meeting things, gilding of gas pipes in the sanctuary, regilding of altar cross, pair of glass cruets for altar service, gas stove for cooking, roller and towel for choir room, comb and brush for sacristy, 2 colored pictures in gilt frames for Guild room, 5 other pictures for same, bagatelle board, lectionary for 1889-90, clock for sacristy, table cover for Bible class room, 2 doz. large prayer books and 2 doz. hymnals for the church, 3 palms, quantity of flowers, fruits, vegetables and candles for altar and chancel decoration, a topaz, 5 gallons of port wine, 1 bottle of port wine, 1 gallon of Catawba wine, 100 copies of the "Imitation of Christ," 100 copies of Littell's "Living Age," number of pamphlets and magazines for reading room, 15 books for parish library. 5 doz. kneeling hassocks, 30 kneeling benches, 2 white china dishes, set of castors, 2 silver salt spoons, silver mustard spoon crate of strawberries, 150 tea biscuits, 41 doz. bananas, large quantities of cakes, tea, sugar, coffee, etc., for entertainments, 30 doz. Easter eggs, large quantity of clothing for missionary box and the poor, 2 Virginia creepers and 400 tickets for parish tea.

The old Bishop's chair, altar rail, cushions for same, credence table and choir stalls were sent to two churches in Maryland and an old large desk prayer book to a Church in New Jersey.

Through the exertions of the warden and members of St. John's Guild a set of gymnastic appliances were procured and set up in the large school room for the use of the Guilds of the parish.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday at 2.30 P. M. The total collections of the Sunday school have been \$82.19, of which amount \$26.78 was given to missions, \$30.00 to the organ fund and the remainder for ordinary expenses.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses \$48.89. They also sold some of their work to the amount of \$7.00 which they contributed towards the fund for a new organ.

KINDERGARDEN.—During the coming winter a daily kindergarden for children between four and seven years old will be held in the school building. Ten cents a week will be charged for each child.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called "*The Ascension News*" is published monthly, except in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

Women's Guild.

MASTER,

The REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All female communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the Church, but not communicants, may become members, upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter.

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or in other benevolent societies. Their duties

are to attend the meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

MEMBERS,

Domestic Missions.

Mrs. Weaver.
Miss Mary H. White,

Foreign Missions.

Mrs. J. E. Carpenter,
Miss Hoy.

Freedmen Missions.

Mrs. G. W. Hodge,
Mrs. Richard Gilpin.

Indian Mission.

Miss E. C. Zantzingher,
Mrs. Augustus Jackson.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Mrs. Wm. Platt Pepper.

Female Tract Society.

Miss Mary H. White.

REPORT.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$69 00, which was spent in purchase of articles for a missionary box.

The box contained over 76 pieces of under-clothing, 2 overcoats, ulster, clerical suit, boy's suit, 2 pairs pants, 3 vests, 3 coats, boy's heavy coat, lady's ulster, cloth coat, fur-lined circular, girl's coat, lady's dress, 3 girl's dresses, 2 wrappers, 3 shirts, 2 jackets, riding habit, sashes, dress material, 7 yards flannel, gloves, shawl, table cover, leather bag, carriage robe, box of useful articles, comfortable, blanket, etc., together with a large quantity of groceries. It was sent to a clergyman in the diocese of Pennsylvania. It was valued at \$125.75.

During Lent the members of the Ladies' Aid and of S. Mary's Guild made up another box valued at \$25 for the Home for Crippled Children.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$23.00, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary for Insurance on lives of missionaries.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$28.00, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary, for various purposes connected with southern missions.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$51.00, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$12.00.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$9.00.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the clergy that they may be attended to, and if needy relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Kittson,	Mrs. Augustus Jackson,
Miss Jackson,	Miss McCauley,
Miss Stokes,	Mrs. Keese,
Miss Mary Price,	Mrs. Geo. F. Jordan,
Mrs. Clay (asso.),	Miss Amy Butler.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy and conducted a Mothers' Meeting and Women's Club. One has done district visiting. Work was regularly given out on Friday evenings during the Winter to some 38 women, over 665 pieces being cut out and made up, and 4 doz. towels hemmed. Some 125 pieces of

clothing have been received for distribution among the poor; also 9 blankets, 5 comfortables, 12 tons of coal, medicines, groceries and provisions, several Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, 24 turkeys, bags of sweet potatoes and turnips for members of the Mother's Meeting were provided, also delicacies for the sick. A tea was also given for the Mother's Meeting once a month. Others have been assisted to pay rent. Total amount expended, \$228.67.

Offerings for these purposes may be placed in the alms boxes for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for Missionary boxes and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Tevis,	Miss Anderson,
Mrs. Milliken,	Miss Davis,
Mrs. Pollock,	Mrs. Gilpin,
Mrs. W. F. Smith,	Mrs. Weaver,
Miss Stewart,	Miss Mary H. White,
Mrs. Hiller,	Miss Wurts,
Mrs. Metcalf,	Miss Butler.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter cut out and made up the material purchased by the Missionary Chapter into articles needed for the missionary box, making a total of 39 garments.

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for missionary boxes, can be sent to the church at any time, and work is given out after 10.00 A. M. or 7.45 P. M. service on Wednesday during the winter.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Miss Kittson,	Mrs. Wetherill,
Miss Hendry,	Misses Harper,
Mrs. Keys,	Miss M. Jackson,
Miss Wurts,	Miss King,
Mrs. Hull,	Miss Dickerson,
Miss Parmelee,	Mrs. Pollock,
Misses Davis,	Mrs. Penniston (asso.)
Mrs. W. W. Cooper,	Miss Gilpin,
Miss Stokes,	Mrs. Milliken,
Miss Anderson,	Mrs. Newnam (asso.)
Miss Hewson,	Miss Alice Rousseau.

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

Amount expended for materials, \$66.04.

A large amount of work was done on a new white silk altar cloth for the church which is not yet completed. A white brocade silk eucharistic stole was made and embroidered for the Rector, an antique embroidered silk maniple turned into a choir stole, a plush and satin dosel for Altar; white silk centre for same, a linen alb, 2 amices and embroidered chasuble, 2 linen surplices, 2 canton flannel credence covers, 2 linen credence covers embroidered and edged with lace, linen chalice pall edged with lace, fair linen chalice veil, fair linen corporal burse and pall for private celebrations, all embroidered, were made for the church.

A violet, red, white and black silk stole, were made and embroidered as orders.

A white silk embroidered stole, a fair linen cloth, 3 linen corporals, 4 purificators, 2 maniples, and a linen embroidered credence cover were presented to missionary clergymen in the South, and a corporal, 2 burses, 3 chalice veils, linen credence cover, pair of alms basin mats, 2 pairs of book markers to a clergyman in this city.

The class meets every Thursday, after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Flower Committee.

Money received, \$174.91. The Committee have provided two, and frequently four bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. And during three of the Summer months the altar was supplied entirely by one member of the committee.

This Committee has also had the care, and paid for the washing of all the vestments and altar linen of the Church. The washing of the surplices during Lent was done gratuitously.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Jane B. Hewson, Treasurer.

One member of the Chapter has had care of the altar vessels, and two have supplied the altar bread.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Miss Jackson,	Miss Carman,
Misses Spear,	Misses Blackwell,
Miss Jane Hewson,	Miss McCauley,
Miss Wurts,	Misses Harper,
Miss Parnellee,	Miss Gilpin,
Miss Bond,	Miss Lucas,
Miss Hiller,	Miss Schock,
Mrs. Grimball,	Miss Anderson,
Miss Davis,	Miss Allibone (asso.),
Mrs. Atwood,	Miss Stewart,
Miss Keys,	Mrs. Pollock,
Miss Cooke (asso.),	Mrs. Hodge,
Miss Parker,	Miss Grubb (asso.),
Miss Carpenter,	Miss Butler,
Miss Nora Willing,	Mrs. Jordan,
Miss Beveline,	Miss Clay (asso.),
Miss Morrell,	Mrs. Smith.

Two members of this Chapter have taught Bible Classes. Twenty have taught in the main and Infant Sunday school, and twelve in the Industrial School. Two taught classes in the Sunday school of the Church of the Crucifixion, one in S. Elizabeth's Church, two in the Chinese Sunday school, one played the organ for the Infant School, another in the Industrial School, and another in the Sunday school of the Church of the Epiphany.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday school at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School. Several other entertainments have also been given to the children during the year.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS.

Miss Hewson,	Mrs. Tevis,
Mrs. and Miss Bond,	Miss Colley,
Misses Harper,	Mrs. Allen,
Miss Florence Smith,	Mrs. Thomson,
Miss Anderson,	Miss White,
Mrs. Gundaker,	Miss Butler,
Mrs. Gilpin,	Mrs. Nicholson,
	Mrs. Milliken.

REPORT.

Forty orders for dresses, aprons, etc., were received and executed. Money received, \$30.66.

The members of this Chapter also made during Lent, together with the members of S. Mary's Guild, the articles for the missionary box sent to the West.

Two members of this Chapter also took charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P.M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.

Men's Guild.

MASTER.

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, *Ex-Officio*.

MEMBERS.

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Anniversary—*All Saints' Day*.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed, and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the Poor

Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS

Dr. R. Keys,
Mr. Wm. H. Tevis,

Dr. Gustave Bonnet,
Dr. Thomas R. Neilson

REPORT.

A number of professional visits have been paid by the physicians who are members of the Chapter and some dollars worth of medicines have been given away, two persons sent to the hospital, and places found for several unemployed men.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday schools and Bible classes.

MEMBERS.

Mr. William Gilpin,	Mr. Brinton Whitehead,
Mr. W. H. Montgomery	(asso.)
(asso.),	Mr. Wm. H. Tevis,
Mr. J. T. Howel (asso.),	Mr. Carroll Hodge;
Mr. G. H. Ayer,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Frank Harris (asso.).	Mr. Harry Carson,

One member of this Chapter has acted as Superintendent of the Sunday school, another as assistant superintendent, three have taught classes, four had charge of the Sunday-school library, and one taught the men's Bible class.

Lay Helpers' Chapter.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS.

Mr. Geo. H. Haverstick,	Mr. Walter Newnam,
Mr. James Honnon,	Mr. William Thorn (asso.).
Mr. Aug. Hennings (asso.).	Mr. F. L. Fugate (asso.).
Mr. Charles Tingley,	Mr. James H. Dunlap,
Mr. F. C. Botwright,	Mr. Charles Lynch,
Mr. F. S. Osman (asso.),	Mr. Leon D. Bonnet,
Mr. Wm. H. Smith (asso.).	Mr. James M. Blackwell,
Mr. W. Thompson (asso.).	Mr. David McCracken, Jr.,
Mr. William J. Morgan,	Mr. H. G. Gray,
Mr. F. E. Remont,	Mr. Harry Carson,
Mr. F. R. Remont,	Mr. Lawrence Gaff,
Mr. Wm. Remont,	Mr. Frank Kemon.

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St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

Ascension Chapter.

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Banner Bearer,
MR. WALTER NEWMAM.

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Sunday evening service, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the Church.

One has acted as lay reader, assisting the missionary at the Alms House. Two have assisted in the work among boys at S. Chrysostom's Church.

It meets in the Guild room on the second Thursday of each month, and the men of the congregation generally are invited to join it.

St. John's Guild.

OBJECT.

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SUPERIOR.

MRS. BOND.

Secretary,

Miss Matilda Harper.

Treasurer,

Miss Young.

Banner Bearer,

Miss Alice Spear.

Number of members, 42.

CHURCH
OF THE
ASCENSION

BROAD STREET

BELOW SOUTH

... Philadelphia



YEAR BOOK

1890-91

Officers.

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The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector.*

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CHARLES R. HEED,	GEORGE W. SMITH.

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JAMES L. HORTON,

JOHN R. MASON, ARTHUR E. GOULBOURN.

TENORS

EDWARD C. CLAYTON,	EDWIN S. GAULT,
CHARLES J. YOST,	ADOLPH G. ROSENGARTEN,
ALFRED E. DASH,	HENRY BALDWIN.

BASSOS

JOHN S. PAUL,	F. C. BOTWRIGHT,
WILLIAM JONES,	CHARLES L. BORIE, JR.
WILLIAM THORN.	

CRUCIFERS AND SERVERS

GEORGE H. AYRE,	REYNOLDS W. CLARKE,
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FRANK L. FUGATE,	JAMES L. HORTON,
DAVID McCracken, JR.,	WILLIAM PERRY,
CARROLL HODGE,	HARRY ELLIS,
JAMES HONNEN,	SAMUEL McCracken.

Services.

SUNDAYS

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
11.30 A. M.—Choral Communion.
2.30 P. M.—Children's Service.
4.00 P. M.—Choral Even Song.
7.45 P. M.—Shortened Evening Prayer and Sermon.
During the Summer Months, in place of the 4 and
7.45 P. M. Services, Twilight Service at 7 P. M.

HOLY DAYS

7.30 and 10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY

From October to June.

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.
7.30 A. M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion.

From June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.

Sunday School and Bible Classes, 3.00 P. M.
Industrial School, 10.00 A. M. Saturdays, from
November to Easter.

Mothers' Meeting, Fridays, 8 P. M., October to June.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday and Friday
Evenings during the Winter.

Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1891.

Baptisms—Adults	10	
Infants	45	
Total	55	
Confirmed	31	
Communicants added, new	20	
Received from other parishes	42	
Total	62	
Died	5	
Removed	34	
Present number	387	
Marriages	9	
Burials	21	
Services, Sundays	237	
Week days	571	
Total	808	
Average attendance, Sundays	356	
" " Week days	27	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion		
Public	196	
Private	6	
Total	202	
Number of Communion made	3323	
" Sermons preached	245	
Children catechised (times)	75	
Number of families known to the Clergy	270	
" individuals	650	
" scholars in Sunday Schools	173	
" " Bible Classes	30	
" " Industrial School	195	

Financial Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms-Chests, Guilds and individual contribution, (all being freewill offerings)	\$ 8,639 86
Donation	2,000 00
Pew Rents	49 00
Interest on Deposits	26 71
Other Sources	69 68
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	\$10,785 25

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$ 2,363 35
Music	1,603 42
Miscellaneous	641 43
Repairs and Improvements	5,220 14
Convention Fund	75 43
Interest on Mortgage	1,375 00
Charities—	
Poor	\$172 35
Schools	201 43
Domestic Missions	128 87
Foreign "	19 00
Freedmen "	18 50
Indian "	43 00
Diocesan "	57 00
Female Tract Society	9 00
Prayer Book Society	10 00
Episcopal Hospital	32 43
S. Andrew's Brotherhood	62 23
Theological Education	100 00
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	\$12,132 58

Analysis of Offertory.

*Showing the sums in which it was received,
from May 1st, 1890 to May 1st, 1891.*

1	offering of \$2,000 00	\$2,000 00
1	" 333 33	333 33
1	" 300 00	300 00
3	" 150 00	450 00
1	" 118 75	118 75
8	" 100 00	800 00
1	" 75 00	75 00
8	" 50 00	400 00
1	" 34 25	34 25
1	" 32 80	32 80
1	" 31 25	31 25
3	" 30 00	90 00
7	" 25 00	175 00
2	" 20 00	40 00
1	" 15 00	15 00
1	" 13 00	13 00
21	" 10 00	210 00
1	" 6 50	6 50
174	" 5 00	870 00
1	" 4 50	4 50
14	" 3 00	42 00
2	" 2 50	5 00
228	" 2 00	456 00
7	" 1 50	11 50
1,335	" 1 00	1,335 00
1,213	" 50	606 50
29	" 35	10 15
40	" 30	12 00
3,502	" 25	875 50
206	" 20	41 20
309	" 15	46 35
3,586	" 10	58 60
6,588	" 05	29 40
243	" 03	7 29
13,209	" 01	132 09
30,749		\$10,266 96
	No classified record of	372 90
		<hr/> \$10,639 86

THE Church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The Church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers made through the offertory, at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability, as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the Church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for various benevolent purposes which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the Church—the payment of salaries, the music, inci-

dental expenses, &c. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the Church, to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, &c.

In accordance with changes in the charter of the Church recently adopted by the Vestry, and approved by the Convention of the Diocese, and which it is expected will become legally operative before the next Vestry election, every communicant member of the Church who contributes to its support through the envelope system will be entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

Since the publication of the last Year Book, the Church received from an estate a Donation of \$2,000. This enabled the Vestry to pay entirely for the organ and improvements made to the Church property, leaving now no indebtedness, but the mortgage of \$25,000. During the last year the interest on this has been reduced from six to five per cent, and the privilege has been obtained of paying at any time \$500, on account of the principal. It is of the greatest importance that the Church should be relieved of this burden.

The following improvements have been made during the year :

Pavement on Broad Street relaid and extended to line of steps, granite steps put to doors of the Church, iron railing extended the whole length of the lot, flagstone pave-

ment laid back to Vestry and Parish building, remainder of the ground graded and sodded, new wooden fence erected at the back of the lot. Three stained glass windows have been placed in the apse, representing the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, and two in the clerestory, representing the figures of S. John and S. James, a mitre carved in stone has been placed over the Bishop's seat in the sanctuary, a carved oak shelf in the baptistry, and a banner closet erected in the choir room. The following articles have been presented to the Church : a brass and jeweled altar cross, a cut glass cruet, glass inkstand for Vestry, 28 book racks for pews, altar service book with gold cross in cover, 9 red plush kneeling hassocks, piece of damask for altar, 3 pictures and 3 illuminated texts framed, record book for services, 1 doz. palm leaf fans, 17 palms for Palm Sunday, 5 gallons of Catawba wine, 149 books for parish and Sunday School libraries, 15 bound volumes of "Church Times," 9 do. "London News," 8 other magazines, large quantity of Church papers and magazines unbound, 2 white and gold plates, two cups and saucers, granite iron dishpan, silver plated coffeepot and teapot, 2 doz. cups and saucers, and 2 doz. plates for Guild closet, crate of strawberries, coffee, tea, sugar, buns, cake, fruit, &c., for parish entertainments, 3 flower bushes, 400 tickets for parish

tea, and large number of colored Easter eggs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday at 3.00 P. M. The total collections of the Sunday school have been \$94.13, of which amount \$30.00 was given to missions, \$30.86 was used for the purchase of new books, and the remainder for the expenses of the school.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$32.30.

KINDERGARDEN.—During the winter a kindergarden is held each day except Saturday from 9 A. M. to noon, in the school building, for children between four and seven years old. Ten cents a week is charged for each child.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called "*The Ascension News*" is published monthly, ex-

cept in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

Women's Guild.

MASTER,

The REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,

Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All female communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild ; others attending the Church, but not communicants, may become members, upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter.

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or in other benevolent societies. Their duties

are to attend the meetings of the Committees to which they belong to collect and transmit funds and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

MEMBERS.

Domestic Missions.

Miss Mary H. White.

Foreign Missions.

Mrs. J. E. Carpenter.

Freedmen Missions.

Mrs. G. W. Hodge,

Mrs. Richard Gilpin.

Indian Mission.

Miss E. C. Zantzingher,

Mrs. Augustus Jackson.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society.

Miss Mary H. White.

REPORT.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$66.50, which was spent in purchase of articles for a missionary box.

The box contained the following articles: a clerical suit, 6 collars, groceries, combs, brushes and fancy articles, 12 pillow cases, 6 skirts, 3 dress patterns, 12 towels, 3 boys' collars, shoes for family, entire outfit for a girl, pair of slippers, lot of new muslin, 2 table cloths, ulster, 2 flannel shirts, 3 boys' cloth suits, several dresses, socks, blue cloth dress, 1 pair of knee warmers, bed quilt, flannel jacket, 3 suits for girl, cap, girl's ulster, lady's jacket, plaid coat, some green cloth, overcoat for boy, heavy cloth coat, dressing gown, 2 coats and vests, 3 cloth jackets, boy's jacket, kitchen articles, and 27 pieces of underclothing, total value \$200. It was sent to a clergyman at Queensborough, Alabama.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$19.00, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$14.50, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary, for various purposes connected with Southern missions.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$43.00, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$10.00.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$9.00.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the clergy that they may be attended to, and if needy relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. John Mason,	Mrs. Augustus Jackson,
Mrs. Pleasonton,	Miss McCauley,
Miss Jackson,	Mrs. Keese,
Miss Mary Price,	Mrs. Geo. F. Jordan,
Mrs. Clay (asso.),	Miss Amy Butler.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy and conducted a Mother's Meeting and Women's Club. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the Winter to some 21 women, over 125 pieces being cut out and made up. Some 164 pieces of

clothing distributed among the poor; also 3 pair of sheets, $7\frac{1}{2}$ tons of coal, medicines, groceries and provisions, several Thanksgivings and Christmas dinners, a turkey, bags of sweet potatoes and turnips for each member of the Mother's Meeting at Thanksgiving were provided, also delicacies for the sick. A tea was also given for the Mother's Meeting once a month. Others have been assisted to pay rent. Total amount expended, \$172.35.

Offerings for these purposes may be placed in the alms boxes for the poor in the vestibule of the church, or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for Missionary boxes and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Tevis,	Miss Davis,
Mrs. Milliken,	Mrs. Gilpin,
Mrs. W. F. Smith,	Mrs. Weaver,
Mrs. Hiller,	Miss Mary H. White,
Mrs. Metcalf,	Miss Wurts,
Miss Anderson,	Miss Butler.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter cut out and made up the material purchased by the Missionary Chapter into articles needed for the missionary box, making a total of 48 garments.

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for missionary boxes, can be sent to the church at any time, and work is given out after 10.00 A. M. or 8.00 P. M. service on Wednesday during the winter.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Miss Parmelee,	Mrs. Wetherill,
Miss Hendry,	Miss Harper,
Miss Wurts,	Miss King,
Mrs. Hull,	Miss Dickerson,
Misses Davis,	Mrs. Penniston (asso.),
Mrs. W. W. Cooper,	Miss Gilpin,
Miss Stokes,	Mrs. Milliken,
Miss Anderson,	Miss Alice Rousseau,
Miss Hewson,	Miss Stotesbury (asso.),
Mrs. W. F. Smith,	Miss Fayre,
Miss Barrington,	Miss Cooper (asso.),
Miss Seckel,	Miss Schell,
Miss Baum (asso.),	Mrs. Nicholson,
Miss Vogdes,	Mrs. Gundaker.

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

Amount expended for materials, \$29.16.

A white silk altar cloth and pulpit fall on which the Committee had been employed for some time was completed, a violet silk stole embroidered, a linen credence cover, 3 linen maniples, linen pall for private communion service, two sets lace ends for fair linen cloth for altar, 2 linen chalice palls, a linen surplice, hand made girdle, and 35 cottas for the choir, were made for the church. A green, white, and violet stole, and two chalice veils and burses, a set of linen eucharistic vestments embroidered, were made and given away. A tailor made cassock was also provided for the Rector and one for the choir-master by some members of the Chapter. A set of linen eucharistic vestments, a white silk stole, linen chalice pall, maniple, 2 corporals, purificator, and white silk chalice veil and burse, sometime in use by the church, were given away to mission churches.

The class meets every Thursday, after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Flower Committee.

Money received, \$188.50. The Committee have provided two, and frequently four bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy

days throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. And during three of the Summer months the altar was supplied entirely by one member of the committee.

This Committee has also had the care, and paid for the washing of all the vestments and altar linen of the Church. The washing of the surplices during Lent was done gratuitously.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

One member of the Chapter has had care of the altar vessels, and two have supplied the altar bread.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Miss Jackson,
Misses Spear,
Miss Parmelee,
Mrs. Atwood,
Miss Parker,

Miss Williamson,
Miss Chamberlaine,
Miss Barker (asso.),
Miss Cassey (asso.),
Miss Bell (asso.),

Miss Beveline,	Miss Baum (asso.),
Miss Carman,	Miss Dudgeon,
Miss McCauley,	Miss Pearson,
Miss Harper,	Mrs. Neilson (asso.),
Miss Gilpin,	Miss Leiper,
Miss Schock,	Mrs. Carpenter,
Miss Anderson,	Mrs. Hodge,
Miss Haslett,	Miss Grubb (asso.),
Miss Holbrook,	Miss Butler,
Mrs. Fayre (asso.),	Mrs. Jordan,
Miss Vogdes,	Miss Clay (asso.),
Mrs. Smith,	Misses Lea,

Mrs. Carpenter.

Two members of this Chapter have taught Bible Classes. Twenty have taught in the main and Infant Sunday School, and fourteen in the Industrial School. Two taught classes in the Sunday School of the Church of the Crucifixion, one in S. Elizabeth's Church, two in the Chinese Sunday School, one played the organ for the Infant School, another in the Industrial School, and another in the Sunday School of the Church of the Epiphany.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School. Several other entertainments have also been given to the children during the year.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support

of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS.

Miss Hewson,	Mrs. Stevenson,
Mrs. Bond,	Mrs. Smith,
Miss Anderson,	Mrs. Leiper,
Mrs. Gundaker,	Mrs. Sinnickson,
Mrs. Tevis,	Miss Colley,
Mrs. Blackwell,	Miss White,
Mrs. Nicholson,	Mrs. Anable.

REPORT.

Money received, \$26.23.

Sixteen new cassocks were made for the choir, and thirty-two aprons, set of child's dresses, &c., executed as orders.

Two members of this Chapter also took charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P.M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.

Men's Guild.

MASTER.

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, *Ex-Officio*.

MEMBERS.

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Anniversary—*All Saints' Day*.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed, and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine

and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS.

Mr. John B. Uhle (asso.), Dr. Gustave Bonnet,
Dr. Thomas R. Neilson.

REPORT.

One of the physicians who is a member of this Chapter has attended two cases that have been referred to him. And the legal member has given advice in a legal case.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday Schools and Bible classes.

MEMBERS.

Mr. William B. Gilpin,	Mr. G. W. Read,
Mr. H. W. Montgomery,	Mr. Stuart Jackson,
Mr. J. T. Howel (asso.),	Mr. R. B. Lewis,
Mr. G. H. Ayer,	Mr. Samuel Dudgeon,
Mr. Carroll Hodge,	Mr. Greenfield.

One member of this Chapter has acted as Superintendent of the Sunday school, another as assistant superintendent, four have taught classes, and four had charge of the Sunday School library.

Lay Helpers' Chapter.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS.

Mr. Geo. H. Haverstick,	Mr. James H. Dunlap,
Mr. James Honnen,	Mr. Leon D. Bonnet,
Mr. Aug Hennings (asso.)	Mr. James M. Blackwell,
Mr. Charles Tingley,	Mr. David McCracken, Jr.,
Mr. F. C. Botwright,	Mr. Lawrence Gaff,
Mr. F. S. Osman (asso.),	Mr. Chas. J. Yost,
Mr. Wm. H. Smith (asso.),	Mr. G. H. Ayre,
Mr. W. Thompson (asso.),	Mr. W. B. Gilpin,
Mr. William J. Morgan,	Mr. Carroll Hodge,
Mr. Walter Newnam,	Mr. Reynolds Clarke,
Mr. William Thorn (asso.),	Mr. Albert H. Eyre,
Mr. F. L. Fugate (asso.),	Mr. Samuel McCracken,
Mr. H. W. Montgomery.	

REPORT.

Ten members of this Chapter have sung more or less regularly in the choir. Four have at times assisted in the service of the Church as lay readers. One has acted as sacristan. Six have acted as lay servers. Four as cross bearers. Two have had charge of the parish library, being present every Wednesday evening to give out books. Several dressed the church for Christmas. One furnished the statistical items for the year book and drew designs for embroidery work of the Women's Guild, one directed circulars, etc.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

Ascension Chapter.

President,
THE RECTOR.

Vice-President,
THE REV. HENRY KITTSON.

Secretary and Treasurer,
MR. GEO. H. AYRE.

Banner Bearer,
MR. W. F. KINZLE.

Number of members, 20.

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to the Church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the Church on the streets on Sunday evenings, and leaflets containing the Order of Service at the Sunday evening service, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the Church.

One has acted as lay reader, assisting the missionary at the Almshouse. One has sung in the Almshouse choir.

It meets in the Guild room on the second Thursday of each month, and the men of the congregation generally are invited to join it.

St. John's Guild.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage the boys of the parish to live a Godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building, on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden,

THE REV. HENRY KITTSON.

Secretary,

MR. WALTER LYNCH.

Treasurer,

MR. DAVID MCCracken.

Banner Bearer,

MR. JAMES HONNEN.

Number of members, 23.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except during the summer months, on the second Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the fourth for work or recreation.

Superior.

MRS. BOND.

Secretary,

Miss Matilda Harper.

Treasurer,

Miss Trucks.

Banner Bearer,

Miss Haslett.

Number of members, 47.

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VESTRYMEN

To serve until Easter, 1895.

SAMUEL WETHERILL,
J. EDWARD CARPENTER,
THOMAS SINNICKSON,
FRANK R. STEVENSON.

To serve until Easter, 1894.

*GEORGE H. HAVERSTICK,
FRANCIS S. KEESE,
WILLIAM H. COPE,
THOMAS ROBB.

To serve until Easter, 1893.

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LYLA WHITE,
HARRY HIGHLAND,
BENJAMIN MILLIGAN,
WILLIAM CONGER,
BERTRAM T. CASEY,
ARCHIBALD HAMPTON.

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JOHN R. SNYDER,
JOHN R. MASON, ARTHUR E. GOULDBURN.

TENORI

EDWARD C. CLAYTON,
EDWIN S. GAULT,
ALFRED F. DASH,
JAMES CALLAHAN,
FRANK J. PRYOR,
CHARLES J. YOST,
ROBERT WATSON,
WILLIAM DORNHORN.

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JOHN S. PAUL,
WILLIAM J. JONES,
WILLIAM THORN,
F. C. BOTWRIGHT,
REYNOLDS W. CLARKE,
CHARLES L. BORIE, JR.

CRUCIFERS AND SERVERS

WALTER LYNCH,
WILLIAM PERRY,
HARRY ELLIS,
SAMUEL MCCrackEN.

Services.

SUNDAYS

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10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
11.30 A. M.—Choral Communion.
2.30 P. M.—Children's Service.
4.00 P. M.—Choral Even Song.
7.45 P. M.—Shortened Evening Prayer and Sermon.
During the Summer Months, in place of the 4 and
7.45 P. M. Services, Twilight Service at 7 P. M.

HOLY DAYS

7.30 and 10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY

From October to June.

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.
Sunday School and Bible Classes, 3.00 P. M.
Industrial School, 10.00 A. M. Saturdays, from November to Easter.
Mothers' Meeting, Fridays, 7.30 P. M., October to June.
The Parish Library is open Wednesday and Friday Evenings during the Winter.

Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1892.

Baptisms—Adults	4	
Infants	15	
Total	19	
Confirmed	21	
Communicants added, new	29	
Received from other parishes	38	
Total	67	
Died	7	
Removed	43	
Present number	404	
Marriages	7	
Burials	27	
Services, Sundays	296	
Week days	638	
Total	934	
Average attendance, Sundays	403	
“ “ Week days	29	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion		
Public	208	
Private	5	
Total	213	
Number of Communion made	3330	
“ Sermons preached	243	
Children catechised (times)	77	
Number of families known to the Clergy	263	
“ individuals	673	
“ scholars in Sunday Schools	200	
“ “ Bible Classes	35	
“ “ Industrial School	190	

Financial Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms-Chests, Guilds and individual contribution, (all being freewill offerings)	\$ 8,048 04
Interest on Deposits	16 82
Other Sources	63 52
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	\$8,128 38

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$2,980 00
Music	1,535 00
Miscellaneous	877 26
Repairs and Improvements	972 88
Convention Fund	89 34
Interest on Mortgage	1,250 00
Charities—	
Poor	\$184 49
Schools	286 53
Domestic Missions	129 55
Foreign “	30 05
Freedmen “	11 00
Indian “	33 00
Diocesan “	75 50
Female Tract Society	9 00
Prayer Book Society	15 00
Episcopal Hospital	30 58
Theological Education	25 00
Church Building	9 00
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	\$8,543 18

Analysis of Offertory.

Showing the sums in which it was received,
from 1st May, 1891 to 1st May, 1892.

2	offerings of \$	250 00	\$500 00
2	"	150 00	300 00
5	"	100 00	500 00
1	"	65 00	65 00
1	"	58 90	58 90
5	"	50 00	250 00
1	"	35 00	35 00
1	"	30 00	30 00
1	"	25 00	25 00
2	"	20 00	40 00
1	"	17 00	17 00
2	"	15 00	30 00
1	"	12 50	12 50
26	"	10 00	260 00
1	"	8 00	8 00
1	"	6 50	6 50
169	"	5 00	845 00
1	"	4 50	4 50
3	"	4 00	12 00
9	"	3 00	27 00
2	"	2 50	5 00
156	"	2 40	312 00
1	"	1 50	1 50
2	"	1 30	2 60
1,331	"	1 00	1,331 00
2	"	80	1 60
4	"	75	3 00
1	"	65	65
5	"	60	3 00
964	"	50	482 00
3	"	40	1 20
2	"	35	70
32	"	30	9 60
3,594	"	25	898 50
207	"	20	41 40
396	"	15	59 40
3,712	"	10	371 20
7,521	"	05	376 05
177	"	03	5 31
11,721	"	01	117 21

Total, \$7,049 32
Unclassified, 998 72
\$8,048.04

THE Church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The Church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers made through the offertory, at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability, as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the Church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for various benevolent purposes which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the Church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, &c. Alms chests are placed

in the vestibule of the Church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, &c.

In accordance with changes in the charter of the Church recently adopted by the Vestry, approved by the Convention of the Diocese, and which have now become legally operative, every communicant member of the Church who contributes to its support through the envelope system is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

Since the publication of the last Year Book, the Church received from the estate of the late Mr. Benjamin Johnson, a legacy amounting to \$9525. This has been securely invested in ground rents, and in accordance with the terms of the bequest the principal is always to be kept intact, and the interest to be used "first in obtaining a suitable metal lamp, to be suspended over or in front of the Altar, in which shall be kept an artificial light burning perpetually day and night, and the remainder of the income is to be used towards the general expenses of the Church, other than the Rector's salary and any funded debt." The first interest from this fund will become due next March, after which the lamp will be purchased and hung in position.

The following articles have been presented to the Church during the past year: A brass and wooden font cover, erected as a memorial, 117 books for Parish and Sunday School libraries, box of Altar candles, pieces of do,

two Church Kalendars, articles for Christmas tree, large wooden cross, agate and silver do, photograph of the Rev. Samuel Cox, a former Rector of the Church, damask table cloth for Guild closet, 2 gross of lead pencils, 2 reams of foolscap paper, rubbers, 12 large tablets of writing paper for night school, comb for choir room, quantity of goods for missionary box, clothing for poor, oranges for Christmas festival, flowers for Easter, 2 doz. Easter eggs, basket of meats, vegetables, groceries and other donations for six families, quantity of cake for festivals, 10 Chinese lanterns, 2 large terra cotta vases, lot of magazines for Guild room, 5 yards carpet for sacristy.

The Church has presented the wooden lectern and large lectern Bible formerly in use, to the new Mission at Norwood, Del. Co.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday at 3.00 P. M. The total collections of the Sunday School have been \$68.50, of which amount \$34.00 was given to missions, \$34.50 was used for the expenses of the school.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after

which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$53.52.

NIGHT SCHOOL.—A school was also held on Thursday nights, from February to June in which were taught writing, arithmetic, stenography, &c. Teachers, 10 male, 3 female, scholars, 150; average attendance, 70; expenses, \$25.87. A portion of the evenings was occupied by an entertainment or instructive lecture.

KINDERGARTEN.—During the Winter a kindergarten is held each day except Saturday from 9 A. M. to noon, in the school building, for children between four and seven years old. Ten cents a week is charged for each child.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called "*The Ascension News*" is published monthly, except in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

Women's Guild.

MASTER,

The REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All female communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the Church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter.

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or in other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the Committees

to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

MEMBERS.

Domestic Missions.

Mrs. Thomas Neilson.
Mrs. Gen. Leiper.

Foreign Missions.

Mrs. J. E. Carpenter.

Freedmen Missions.

Mrs. G. W. Hodge,
Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin.

Indian Mission.

Miss E. C. Zantzingher,
Mrs. Augustus Jackson.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Miss Annie Chamberlaine.

Female Tract Society.

Miss Mary H. White.

REPORT.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$81.50, which was spent in purchase of articles for a missionary box.

It contained an overcoat, broadcloth coat and vest, 2 pair pants, collars, cuffs, hand-

kerchiefs, underwear, hosiery, large afghan, dress, sacque, ulster, lady's overcoat, 3 hats, 5 pair gloves, children's clothing, 4 pair sheets, 7 pillow cases, 12 towels, 1 pair blankets, dress material, ruffling, theological books, &c. All of which was sent to a clergyman in North Dakota, and his wife and two children, who were residing in Canada.

The box was valued at \$125.

A box was also sent to the Italian Mission in this city made up chiefly by one of the girls classes in the Sunday School. It contained 69 garments for children, 20 pair of stockings, 12 handkerchiefs, 12 cakes of soap, and 12 portemonnaies filled with pennies.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$16.00, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary, for insurance on lives of missionaries.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$12.00, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary, for various purposes connected with Southern missions.

A box of clothing for a colored school in Spartansburg, S. C., was made up by the members of the Ladies' Aid and St. Mary's Guild. It was valued at \$25.

Two iron bedsteads with straw and hair pailliasse sent to an asylum in Lynchburg, Va.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$33.00, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$15.00.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$9.00.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the clergy that they may be attended to, and if needy relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. John Mason,	Mrs. Augustus Jackson,
Mrs. Pleasonton,	Miss McCauley,
Miss Jackson,	Mrs. Keese,
Miss Hendry,	Mrs. Geo. F. Jordan,
Misses Gilpin,	Miss Amy Butler.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy and conducted a Mothers' Meeting. Work was

regularly given out on Friday evenings during the Winter to some 27 women, 139 garments being cut out and made up. Some 150 pieces of partly worn clothing were sold at low figures to members of the meeting, and some 40 pieces given away to those who could not afford to pay anything; 8½ tons of coal, medicines, groceries and provisions, several Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, a turkey and bag of sweet and white potatoes for each member of the Mothers' Meeting at Christmas were provided, also delicacies for the sick. A tea was also given for the Mothers' Meeting once a month. Others have been assisted to pay rent and bear expense of funerals. Total amount expended, \$184.49.

Three members of this Chapter served in the Girls' Guild of St. James Church.

Offerings for these purposes may be placed in the alms boxes for the poor in the vestibule of the church, or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the Church any day during the week.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for Missionary boxes and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Nicholson,	Mrs. Gundaker,
Mrs. Milliken,	Mrs. Gilpin,
Mrs. W. F. Smith,	Miss Grubb, (Asso).
Mrs. Hiller,	Miss Mary H. White,
Mrs. Metcalf,	Miss Wurts,
Miss Hewson,	Miss Butler,
Mrs. Haslett,	Miss Barrington,
Mrs. Stevenson,	Miss Anable.

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter cut out and made up the material purchased by the Missionary Chapter into articles needed for the missionary box, making a total of about 40 garments.

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for missionary boxes, can be sent to the church at any time, and work is given out after 10.00 A. M. or 8.00 P. M. service on Wednesday during the Winter.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Miss Parmelee,	Mrs. Wetherill,
Miss Hendry,	Miss Harper
Mrs. Hull,	Miss Dickerson,
Misses Davis,	Mrs. Penniston (Asso).

Mrs. W. W. Cooper,	Misses Gilpin,
Miss Stokes,	Mrs. Milliken,
Miss Hewson,	Miss Fayre,
Mrs. W. F. Smith,	Miss Schell,
Miss Barrington,	Mrs. Nicholson,
Miss Seckel,	Miss Vogdes,
Miss Grubb (Asso).	Mrs. Wirgman (Asso).
Mrs. Bonsack	Mrs. Genois,
Miss Butler,	Mrs. Roberts.
Miss Alice Rousseau,	

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

The following articles were made for the Church: a white silk chalice veil and burse embroidered in gold, a white silk embroidered eucharistic stole, a white embroidered silk altar book marker, a fair linen chalice veil (drawn work), a linen burse and chalice pall for private celebrations, a linen alb, a linen corporal embroidered. A white silk stole was embroidered for the Rev. Mr. Thom, our former Assistant, and a white silk embroidered super frontal pulpit fall and hangings were executed as orders. A fair linen cloth, 2 corporals, chalice veil 3 maniples, 2 purificators, linen credence cover and chalice pall were given away to Mission Churches.

The class meets every Thursday after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Flower Committee.

The Committee have provided two, and frequently four bouquets for the altar on Sundays

and Holy days throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. And during three of the Summer months the altar was supplied entirely by one member of the committee.

This Committee has also had the care of, and paid for the washing of all the vestments and altar linen of the Church. The washing of the surplices of the clergy during Lent was done gratuitously.

One member of the Chapter has had care of the altar vessels, two have supplied the altar bread and another candles.

Total amount expended by this Chapter during the year, \$133.00.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, treasurer.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Miss Jackson,
Misses Spear,
Miss Parmelee,
Mrs. Mason,
Miss Bell, (Asso.)
Miss McCauley,

Miss Perry,
Mrs. Pleasanton,
Miss Barker (Asso).
Miss Pleasanton,
Miss Potts,
Mrs. Beath,

Miss Harper,
Misses Gilpin,
Miss Leiper,
Mrs. Carpenter,
Mrs. Hodge,
Miss Grubb (Asso).
Misses Holbrook,
Mrs. Bayre (Asso).
Mrs. Smith,
Miss Schell,

Miss Dudgeon,
Miss Pearson,
Miss Miliken,
Miss Fisher,
Miss Gaff,
Mrs. Wrigman (Asso).
Miss Butler,
Mrs. Jordan,
Miss Moitz,
Miss Woolryche.

REPORT.

Two members of this Chapter have taught Bible classes. Eighteen have taught in the main and Infant School, one taught a class in the Sunday School of the Church of the Crucifixion, one in the Chinese Sunday School, one played the organ for the Infant School, and another in the Industrial School.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School. Several other entertainments have also been given to the children during the year.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Bond,	Mrs. Smith,
Mrs. Gundaker,	Mrs. Leiper,
Miss Colley,	Mrs. Gilpin,
Mrs. Nicholson,	Miss White,
Mrs. Haslett,	Mrs. Anable,
	Miss Wilson.

REPORT.

Money received, \$26.23.

Fifteen new cassocks were made for the choir, and twenty-two aprons, sweeping caps, &c., executed as orders.

During Lent fifty dresses, aprons, shirts, underclothing, &c., were made for a missionary box for a school for colored children in the South.

Two members of this Chapter also took charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the Winter at 3 P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.

Men's Guild.

MASTER.

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, *Ex-Officio*.

MEMBERS.

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Anniversary—*All Saints' Day*.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed, and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS.

Mr. J. Edward Carpenter, Mr. Butler,
Mr. H. W. Montgomery, Dr. Gustave Bonnet,
Dr. Thomas K. Neilson.

REPORT

One of the physicians who is a member of this Chapter visited a sick woman connected with the parish and assisted in getting her into a hospital. And the legal member gave advice in two legal cases. The others secured positions for several boys in the parish.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday, Industrial and Night Schools and Bible Class.

MEMBERS.

Mr. H. W. Montgomery,	Mr. Stuart Jackson,
Mr. J. L. Howel, (Asso.)	Mr. R. B. Lewis,
Mr. Carroll Hodge,	Mr. Greenfield (Asso.)
Mr. C. I. S. Tingley,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. John M. Strong,	Mr. Thomson (Asso.)
Mr. Conard (Asso.)	Mr. Lancaster (Asso.)
Mr. McFarland (Asso.)	Mr. Oliver S. Glisson,
Mr. A. C. Knowls (Asso.)	Mr. Kearfort (Asso.)

REPORT.

One member of this Chapter has acted as Superintendent of the Sunday School, another as Assistant Superintendent, three have taught classes, and three had charge of the Sunday School library.

One has taught a young men's Bible Class, one taught in the Industrial School, and ten in the Thursday Night School from February to June. A number of others, not members of the Guild,

gave their services in providing several entertainments for the children of the schools.

Lay Helpers' Chapter.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS.

Mr. James H. Dunlap,	Mr. James M. Blackwell,
Mr. Wirgman (Asso.)	Mr. G. Pryor (Asso.)
Mr. James Honnen,	Mr. Callahan (Asso.)
Mr. Charles Tingley,	Mr. W. Dorhan (Asso.)
Mr. F. C. Botwright,	Mr. Lawrence Gaff,
Mr. Charles J. Yost,	Mr. Robert Watson (asso)
Mr. T. L. Howel (Asso.)	Mr. H. C. Ellis,
Mr. William J. Morgan,	Mr. Wm Perry,
Mr. F. E. Remont,	Mr. Walter Lynch,
Mr. Henry Baldwin (Asso.)	Mr. W. B. Gilpin,
Mr. Wm. Thorn. (Asso.)	Mr. Carroll Hodge,
Mr. F. L. Fugate (Asso.)	Mr. Reynolds Clarke,
Mr. George Wharton,	Mr. Samuel McCracken,
Mr. Alfred E. Dash (Asso.)	Mr. A. E. Rosengarten (as)
	Mr. Chas. L. Borie, Jr. (asso.)

REPORT.

Ten members of this Chapter have sung more or less regularly in the choir as volunteers, three have at times assisted in the service of the Church as lay readers. Six have acted as lay servers, four as cross-bearers. One had charge of the parish library, being present every Wednesday evening to give out books. Several dressed the church for Christmas. One furnished the statistical items for the year book.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

Ascension Chapter.

President,
THE RECTOR.

Vice-President,
THE ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Secretary and Treasurer,
MR. W. H. METCALF.

Banner Bearer,
MR. F. C. BOTWRIGHT.

Number of members, 15.

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to the Church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the Church, and leaflets containing the Order of Service at the Sunday evening service, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the Church.

One has acted as lay reader, assisting the missionary at the Almshouse. One has sung in the Almshouse choir.

It meets in the Guild room on the first Tuesday of each month, and the men of the congregation generally are invited to join it.

St. John's Guild.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage the boys of the parish to live a Godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building on the first Monday of each month, except during the Summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden,
THE ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Secretary,
MR. WALTER LYNCH.

Treasurer,
MR. ALBERT KINGSTON.

Banner Bearer,
MR. SAMUEL MCCracken.

Number of members, 39.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except during the Summer months, on the second Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the fourth for work or recreation.

Superior,

MRS. BOND.

Secretary,

MISS ALICE SPEAR.

Treasurer,

MISS BARRINGTON.

Banner Bearer,

MISS EDITH SPEAR.

Number of members, 40.

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CLERGY

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector.*
The Rev. LOUIS A. LANPHER, M. A., *Assistant.*

WARDENS

J. EDWARD CARPENTER, *Rector's Warden.*
DAVID JAYNE BULLOCK, *Accounting Warden.*

VESTRYMEN

To serve until Easter, 1896.

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.
CHARLES E. BONNET
WM. PLATT PEPPER
CHAS. L. S. TINGLEY

To serve until Easter, 1895.

SAMUEL WETHERILL
J. EDWARD CARPENTER
THOMAS SINICKSON
FRANK R. STEVENSON

To serve until Easter, 1894.

DAVID JAYNE BULLOCK
FRANCIS S. KEESE
WILLIAM H. COPE
THOMAS ROBB

SEXTON

WILLIAM J. MORGAN

The Choir.

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST

FREDERICK B. NEILSON

CANTOR

EDWARD C. CLAYTON

SUB-ORGANIST

LAWRENCE GAFF

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ALBERT CHALLMEN	WILLIAM STAUFFER
JAMES ALCORN	ARTHUR JENKINS
CHARLES R. HEED	WILLIAM CONGER
GEORGE P. SMITH	DOUGLAS H. ROSS
CHARLES E. GORHAM	JAMES H. ATKINSON
JAMES JONES	ARCHIBALD HAMPTON
THEODORE NEWMAN	ARTHUR CHALLMEN
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W. OAKLEY HERMANCÉ	

TREASURER

EDWIN S. GAULT

CLERK

JESSE S. McCLINTOCK

Services.

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From June to October.

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Sunday School and Bible Classes, 3.00 P. M.

Industrial School, 10.00 A. M. Saturdays, from November to Easter.

Mothers' Meeting, Fridays, 7.30 P. M., October to June.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday and Friday Evenings during the Winter.

Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1893.

Baptisms—Adults	3	
Infants	31	
Total	34	
Confirmed	39	
Communicants added, new	21	
Received from other parishes	37	
Total	58	
Died	7	
Removed	35	
Present number	420	
Marriages	3	
Burials	23	
Services, Sundays	258	
Week days	558	
Total	816	
Average attendance, Sundays	376	
" " Week days	23	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion		
Public	190	
Private	8	
Total	198	
Number of Communion made	3141	
" Sermons preached	238	
Children catechised (times)	67	
Number of families known to the Clergy	304	
" " individuals	720	
" " scholars in Sunday Schools	154	
" " Bible Classes	51	
" " Industrial School	180	

Financial Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms-Chests, Guilds and individual contribution (all being freewill offerings)	\$ 8,062 00
Legacies	9,641 05
Investments	345 01
Other Sources	169 80
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	\$18,217 86

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$ 2,872 47
Music	1,847 96
Miscellaneous	973 93
Repairs and Improvements	336 08
Payment of Debt	1,000 00
Convention Fund	98 44
Interest on Mortgage	1,265 00
Charities—	
Poor	\$ 137 58
Schools	242 56
Domestic Missions	100 07
Foreign "	40 05
Freedmen "	21 47
Indian "	26 50
Diocesan "	50 00
Female Tract Society	11 00
Prayer Book Society	16 00
Episcopal Hospital	45 48
Theological Education	30 00
Church Building	10 00
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	\$9,124 59

Analysis of Offertory.

*Showing the sums in which it was received,
from 1st May, 1892, to 1st May, 1893.*

1	offering of \$200 00	\$ 200 00
2	" 150 00	300 00
5	" 100 00	500 00
7	" 50 00	350 00
1	" 38 00	38 00
4	" 30 00	120 00
11	" 25 00	275 00
9	" 20 00	180 00
3	" 17 00	51 00
5	" 15 00	75 00
1	" 12 25	12 25
3	" 12 00	36 00
1	" 11 00	11 00
32	" 10 00	320 00
1	" 9 00	9 00
1	" 8 50	8 50
1	" 8 00	8 00
1	" 7 50	7 50
4	" 7 00	28 00
1	" 6 00	6 00
189	" 5 00	945 00
1	" 4 50	4 50
5	" 4 00	20 00
16	" 3 00	48 00
3	" 2 50	7 50
1	" 2 29	2 29
254	" 2 00	508 00
22	" 1 50	33 00
1,319	" 1 00	1,319 00
870	" 50	435 00
1	" 45	45
1	" 35	35
3,658	" 25	914 50
197	" 20	39 40
471	" 15	70 65
4,299	" 10	429 90
7,602	" 05	380 10
141	" 03	4 23
12,508	" 01	125 08

Unclassified, \$7,822 20
239 80

Total, \$8,662 00

THE Church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented, or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The Church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers made through the offertory, at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability, as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the Church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for various benevolent purposes which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the Church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, &c. Alms chests are placed

in the vestibule of the Church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, &c.

In accordance with the charter of the Church, every communicant member of the Church who contributes to its support through the envelope system is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

The following articles have been presented to the Church during the past year: A stone and granite memorial pulpit, two stained glass memorial clerestory windows, brass sanctuary lamp, marble and brass memorial tablet to the late Mr. Benjamin Johnson, fire-proof safe for sacristy, a movable horizontal bar, 2 tug of war belts, mattress, 2 sets of Indian Club holders, a shower bath, flooring, dressing closets and 1 dozen towels provided for gymnasium of Boy's Guild, four marble corner stones slab for entrance and four tomb stones for Church lot in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, sodding of same, 25 bound and 104 unbound volumes for Parish Library, 28 books for Sunday School do., Altar Service, Litany Book and three large Turkey bound Prayer Books for chancel, 103 small Prayer Books, 5 wooden boxes, piece of tape and sealing wax, 4 bags for collections, wall clock for Bible Class room, 2 framed pictures of choristers, copy of Vandyke's Crucifixion for Guild room, repairing closet in cellar, putting up and taking down wooden rood screen at Christmas,

small wooden cross, large quantity of magazines and newspapers, cakes, buns, biscuits, tea, coffee, sugar, crate of strawberries, &c., for Parish Tea, mahogany and marble top table, several games, loan of sewing machine, large number of articles for Seamen's Fair, fruits for Thanksgiving Day and flowers for different festivals.

A silver gilt pyx with gold chain for private Communion was presented to the Rev. Mr. Kittson on leaving the parish, by the teachers of the Sunday School.

The Church has presented the wooden pulpit formerly in use, to the new Mission at Norwood, Del. Co.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday, except during two summer months, at 3.00 P. M. The total collections of the Sunday School have been \$73.57, of which amount \$24.52 was given to missions, \$49.05 was used for the expenses of the school.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$37.79.

KINDERGARTEN.—During the winter a

kindergarten is held each day except Saturday from 9 A. M. to noon, in the school building, for children between four and seven years old. Ten cents a week is charged for each child.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called "*The Ascension News*" is published monthly, except in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

Women's Guild.

MASTER,

The REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,

Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All female communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the Church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter.

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or in other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the Committees

to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

MEMBERS.

Domestic Missions

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)

Miss Mary Chamberlaine

Foreign Missions

Mrs. J. E. Carpenter

Miss Clara Williamson

Freedmen Missions

Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin

Mrs. D. J. Bullock

Indian Mission

Miss E. C. Zantzinger

Mrs. Augustus Jackson

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Mary H. White

REPORT.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$63.00, which was spent in purchase of articles for a missionary box, which was sent to a clergyman in Nebraska.

It contained an overcoat, broadcloth

clerical suit, hat, collars, cuffs, several sets of underwear, house sacque, dressing wrapper, 2 suits of clothes, 1 pair fur-lined gloves, 6 pair woolen socks, 3 dresses, 1 large ulster, 2 small wraps, 1 cloth coat, 2 pair shoes, 1 pair gloves, 1 fur-trimmed long coat, 2 night gowns, 6 chemises, 1 calico dress, 6 pair stockings, 2 bonnets, 2 sets ladies underwear, 1 pair kid gloves, handkerchiefs, stationery, some fine groceries, 2 winter coats for children, 1 hat, 1 hood, 1 light sacque, 1 flannel circular, 2 dresses, 6 aprons, 1 pair gloves, 4 night dresses, 6 pair black stockings, 6 pair drawers, 1 pair shoes, candy and dolls, 8 shirts, 8 pillow cases, 1 pair blankets, 1 comfortable, 1 table cloth, bed spreads, several yards of flannel, brushes, combs and other toilet articles. The whole valued at \$200.

A large number of fancy and useful articles were made by some ladies of the congregation and donated to a fair held in S. James' Guild House, for the benefit of the Seamen's Mission in this city. The ladies took charge of a special table which these articles formed. The proceeds of the sales amounted to \$74.54.

A substantial box of clothing was sent to the Italian Mission in this city by one of the girl's classes in the Sunday School.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$27.00, which was paid

to the Women's Auxiliary, as usual, for insurance on lives of missionaries.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$20.00, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary, for various purposes connected with Southern missions.

Some of the members of S. Mary's Guild, and of the Ladies' Bible Class, meeting one evening during each week in Lent to sew, made up, together with some garments made by the young ladies of Miss Anable's school, a very substantial box of clothing which was sent to one of the schools for Freedmen in the South.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$26.50, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$16.00.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$11.00.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the clergy that they may be attended to, and if needy relieved from the Poor Fund.

They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. John Mason	Mrs. Augustus Jackson
Mrs. Pleasonton	Miss McCauley
Miss Jackson	Mrs. Keese
Mrs. Wirgman (Asso)	Mrs. Geo. F. Jordan
Miss Lloyd	Miss Amy Butler

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy, and conducted a Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Friday evenings during the winter to some 24 women, and also materials sold at cost prices. Some 221 garments were sold at low figures to members of the meeting, or given away to those who could not afford to buy them. 11½ tons of coal, an iron bedstead and mattress, medicines, groceries and provisions, several Thanksgiving and Easter dinners, provisions for each member of the Mothers' Meeting at Christmas were provided, also delicacies for some who were sick. A tea was also given for the Mothers' Meeting once a month. Others have been assisted to pay rent and one to bear expense of a funeral. Several were sent to the seaside through the country week and some given trips to the Park. Total amount expended, \$137.50.

Offerings for these purposes may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church, or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for Missionary boxes and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Nicholson	Mrs. Anable
Miss Hewson	Mrs. Sinnickson
Mrs. Haslett	Mrs. Leiper
Mrs. Gilpin	Mrs. Pemberton
Miss Anable	Miss Lloyd

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter cut out and made up the material purchased by the Missionary Chapter into articles needed for the missionary box, making a total of about 20 articles.

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for missionary boxes, can be sent to the church at any time, and work is given out after 10.00 A. M. or 8.00 P. M. service on Wednesday during the winter.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Miss Parmelee	Miss Matilda Harper
Miss Hendry	Miss Dickerson,
Mrs. Hull	Mrs. Penniston (Asso.)
Misses Davis	Misses Gilpin
Mrs. Bullock	Mrs. Milliken
Mrs. W. W. Cooper	Miss Leiper
Miss Hewson	Miss Clara Williamson
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Mrs. Pollock
Miss Barrington	Miss Schell
Miss Seckel	Mrs. Nicholson
Miss Grubb (Asso.)	Miss Vogdes
Mrs. Bousack	Mrs. Wrigman (Asso.)
Miss Butler	Mrs. Genois
Miss Alice Rousseau	Mrs. Roberts
Mrs. Lanpher	Mrs. W. G Price

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

The following articles were made for the Church: a white brocade silk chasuble embroidered, white silk painted and embroidered banner for S. John's Guild, fair linen cloth for altar, embroidered and edged with lace, do. for private celebrations, two linen corporals, cassock and fine linen surplice for Rector, cotta for server, 15 do. for choir.

Two silk stoles, a red silk super frontal, and falls for pulpit and desk, and four linen surplices were made and embroidered as orders.

A set of white silk markers were given away to a Mission Church.

The class meets every Thursday after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Flower Committee.

The Committee have provided two, and frequently four bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter.

This Committee has also had the care of, and paid for the washing of all the vestments and altar linen of the church. The washing of the surplices of the clergy during Lent was done gratuitously.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, two have supplied the altar bread, and another candles.

Total amount expended by this Chapter during the year, \$201.34.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, treasurer.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Miss Jackson	Miss Hodge
Misses Spear	Miss Robb
Miss Parmelee	Miss Pemberton (Asso.)
Mrs. John Mason, Jr.	Miss Brinton (Asso.)
Miss Bell (Asso.)	Miss Williamson
Miss Harper	Miss Johnson
Misses Gilpin	Miss Williard
Miss Leiper	Miss Snyder
Mrs. Hodge	Miss Dudgeon
Miss Grubb (Asso.)	Miss Pearson
Misses Holbrook	Miss Gaff
Mrs. Kyre	Mrs. Wirgman (Asso.)
Mrs. Smith	Miss Butler
Miss Schell	Mrs. Jordan
Miss Perry	Miss Moitz
Miss Pleasanton	Mrs. Lanpher

REPORT.

Two members of this Chapter have taught Bible classes. Seventeen have taught in the main and Infant School, fourteen in the Industrial School, one taught a class in the Sunday School of the Church of the Crucifixion, one in the Chinese Sunday School, one played the organ for the Infant School, and another in the Industrial School.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Leiper	Mrs. Gilpin
Mrs. Gundaker	Miss White
Miss Colley	Mrs. Anable
Mrs. Nicholson	Miss Lloyd
Mrs. Haslett	Mrs. Carmen
Mrs. Pemberton	Mrs. Beath
Mrs. Kearnaghan	Mrs. Sinnickson
Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Milliken
Miss Marrott (Asso.)	

REPORT.

Money received, \$11.85.

Donations of materials, 50 yards of muslin, 25 yards of gingham.

Two new cassocks and 11 cottas were made for the choir, 33 aprons were executed as orders, 2 towels provided for the choir room.

During Lent 1 dozen pillow cases, 13 aprons, 12 sets of underwear, 3 under waists, 3 skirts, 2 dresses and 11 night dresses were made, which together with a donation of clothes from the pupils of Miss Anable's

school, together with some sheets, shoes, &c., formed a box sent to the Children's Hospital at Rosemont, valued at \$35.00.

Two members of this Chapter also took charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.

Men's Guild.

MASTER,
The REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All male communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Men belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—*All Saints' Day.*

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed, and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the Poor

Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS

Mr. J. Edward Carpenter, Mr. Tingley,
Mr. H. W. Montgomery, Dr. Gustave Bonnet,
Dr. Thomas R. Neilson.

REPORT.

One sick woman connected with the parish was attended, and legal advice given in one case. Several positions for boys were secured.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday, Industrial Schools and Bible Class.

MEMBERS.

Mr. H. W. Montgomery	Mr. Stuart Jackson
Mr. K. L. Howell (Asso.)	Mr. R. B. Lewis
Mr. Carroll Hodge	Mr. F. E. Remont
Mr. John D. Henderson	Mr. L. M. Remont
Mr. Reynolds Clark	Mr. Edward Carpenter
Mr. Harry Ellis	Mr. James Dunlap
Mr. C. Thacher Pfeiffer	Mr. Kelly (Asso.)
Mr. G. W. Hawkins	Mr. Lloyd
Mr. Oliver S. Glisson	

REPORT.

Two members of this Chapter have acted as Superintendents of the Sunday School,

another as Assistant Superintendent, three have taught classes, five had charge of the library, one has acted as organist for the Sunday School, four have acted as Secretaries, one has taught a young men's Bible Class, one taught in the Industrial School.

Lay Helpers' Chapter.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS.

Mr. W. H. Metcalf	Mr. Robert Watson (Asso.)
Mr. Wirgman, (Asso.)	Mr. H. C. Ellis
Mr. James Honnen	Mr. Francis S. Keese
Mr. Charles Tingley	Mr. David McCracken
Mr. F. C. Botwright	Mr. C. Thacher Pfeiffer
Mr. Charles J. Yost	Mr. Ernest Waterman
Mr. William J. Morgan	Mr. Albert H. Fayre
Mr. Wm. Thorn (Asso.)	Mr. George Jones (Asso.)
Mr. George Wharton	Mr. Walter Lynch
Mr. John D. Henderson	Mr. W. B. Gilpin
Mr. James M. Blackwell	Mr. Carroll Hodge
Mr. F. T. Pryor (Asso.)	Mr. Reynolds Clarke
Mr. Callahan (Asso.)	Mr. Samuel McCracken
Mr. Lawrence Gaff	Mr. C. L. Borie, Jr. (Asso.)

REPORT.

Ten members of this Chapter have sung more or less regularly in the choir as volunteers, three have at times assisted in the

service of the church as lay readers. Ten have acted as lay servers, three as cross bearers. Two had charge of the parish library, being present every Wednesday evening to give out books. Several dressed the church for Christmas. Two furnished the statistical items for the year book.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Ascension Chapter.

Director,

THE RECTOR.

Vice-Director,

THE ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Secretary and Treasurer,

MR. RICHARD GILPIN.

Banner Bearer,

MR. C. THACHER PFEIFFER.

Number of members, 16.

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to the Church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the Church, and leaflets containing the Order of Service at the Sunday evening service, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the Church.

One has acted as lay reader, assisting the missionary at the Almshouse.

It meets in the Guild room on the first Tuesday of each month, and the men of the congregation generally are invited to join it.

St. John's Guild.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage the boys of the parish to live a Godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden,

THE ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Secretary,

MR. H. W. REYNOLDS CLARK.

Treasurer,

MR. EDWARD GILCHRIST.

Banner Bearer,

MR. SAMUEL MCCracken.

Number of members, 76.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the parish building on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except during the summer months, on the second Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the fourth for work or recreation.

Superior,

MRS. HENRY C. POLLOCK.

Secretary,

MISS MATHILDE HARPER.

Treasurer,

MISS BARRINGTON.

Banner Bearer,

MISS ESSIE SHELTON.

Number of members, 51.

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1893-94

Officers.

CLERGY

The Rev. G. WOOLSKY HODGE, M. A., *Rector.*
The Rev. LOUIS A. LANPHER, M. A., *Assistant.*

WARDENS

J. EDWARD CARPENTER, *Rector's Warden.*
DAVID JAYNE BULLOCK, *Accounting Warden.*

VESTRYMEN

To serve until Easter, 1897.

DAVID JAYNE BULLOCK
FRANCIS S. KEESE
THOMAS ROBB
E. W. GREENOUGH

To serve until Easter, 1896.

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.
CHARLES E. BONNET
WM. PLATT PEPPER
CHAS. L. S. TINGLEY

To serve until Easter, 1895.

SAMUEL WETHERILL
J. EDWARD CARPENTER
STEVENSON H. WALSH
FRANK R. STEVENSON

SEXTON

WILLIAM J. MORGAN

The Choir.

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST

FREDERICK B. NEILSON

CANTOR

EDWARD C. CLAYTON

SUB-ORGANIST

ERNEST T. ALLEN

TREBLES

CHARLES BURNS	ROSCOE K. CROSS
CHARLES E. GORHAM	ELMER S. WALKER
JAMES JONES	ROBERT H. PATTON
THEODORE NEWMAN	ROBERT NIMMO
MARVIN F. LESCURE	WILLIAM STEVENS
DOUGLAS H. ROSS	WILBUR CROSS
JAMES H. ATKINSON	GEORGE ANDERSON
ARCHIBALD HAMPTON	EDWARD L. JONES
ARTHUR CHALLMEN	JOHN LILLEY
BENJAMIN MILLIGAN	EDWARD DOOLEY
BENJAMIN DOOLEY	

ALTOS

JOHN R. MASON	ARTHUR E. GOULDBURN
ALBERT CHALLMEN	JOHN N. MCCrackEN

TENORS

EDWARD C. CLAYTON	FRANK T. PRYOR
EDWIN S. GAULT	EDWARD S. VAN LEER
GEORGE S. FREDERICKS	

BASSES

JOHN S. PAUL	FRED'K C. BOTWRIGHT
WILLIAM J. JONES	REYNOLDS W. CLARKE
WILLIAM THORN	WILLIAM NORTON
W. OAKLEY HERMANCE	

TREASURER

EDWIN S. GAULT

CLERK

FRANK G. SPEAR

Services.

SUNDAYS

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
11.30 A. M.—Choral Communion.
2.30 P. M.—Children's Service.
4.00 P. M.—Choral Even Song.
7.45 P. M.—Shortened Evening Prayer and Sermon.
During the Summer Months, in place of the 4 and 7.45 P. M. Services, Twilight Service at 7 P. M.

HOLY DAYS

7.30 and 10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY

From October to June.

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.
Sunday School and Bible Classes, 3.00 P. M.

Industrial School, 10.00 A. M. Saturdays, from November to Easter.

Mothers' Meeting, Fridays, 7.30 P. M., October to June.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday and Friday Evenings during the Winter.

Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1894.

Baptisms—Adults	5	
Infants	23	
Total	28	
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Communicants added, new	38	
Received from other parishes	64	
Total	102	
Died	5	
Removed	38	
Present number	479	
Marriages	11	
Burials	16	
Services, Sundays	287	
Week days	540	
Total	827	
Average attendance, Sundays	362	
“ “ Week days	29	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion		
Public	173	
Private	6	
Total	179	
Number of Communion made	3465	
“ Sermons preached	223	
Children catechised (times)	61	
Number of families known to the Clergy	300	
“ individuals	750	
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1	"	30 00		30 00
1	"	26 00		26 00
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1	"	12 00		12 00
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1	"	6 00		6 00
141	"	5 00		705 00
1	"	4 50		4 50
21	"	4 00		84 00
16	"	3 00		48 00
229	"	2 00		458 00
1	"	1 88		1 88
34	"	1 50		51 00
1,197	"	1 00		1,197 00
885	"	50		442 50
20	"	30		6 00
4,587	"	25		1,146 75
264	"	20		52 80
484	"	15		72 60
4,098	"	10		409 80
7,355	"	05		367 75
107	"	03		3 21
13,424	"	01		134 24

\$8,540 03
Unclassified, 129 33

Total, \$8,669 36

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in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, &c.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every communicant member of the church who contributes to its support through the envelope system is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year: 40 New Hutchin's Hymnals for the choir, 32 New Hymnals for the church, 2 small prayers for the chancel, 15 volumes for Sunday School library, 20 vols. for Parish library, sounding board for punch bag, and buck for gymnasium, photograph of Rev. Henry M. Stuart, a former Rector of the parish, 2 carpets, piece of brussels carpet for kneeling hassocks, 2 do, and a meat chopper, 4 doz. palm leaf fans, large quantity of magazines, dolls, cakes, buns, tea, bread, butter, cream &c. for festivals, 3 doz. silk and cloth caps for choir, loan of sewing machine.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school, and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday, except during two summer months, at 3.00 P. M. The total collections of the Sunday School have been \$83.79, which was used for the expenses of the school. \$66.59 was collected by the scholars during Lent and was given to domestic missions.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$32.07.

KINDERGARTEN.—During the winter a kindergarten was held each day except Saturday from 9 A. M. to noon, in the school building, for children between four and seven years old. Ten cents a week was charged for each child.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called "*The Ascension News*" is published monthly, except in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

Women's Guild.

MASTER.

The REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

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Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter.

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or in other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the Committees

to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

MEMBERS.

Domestic Missions

Mrs. D. J. Bullock
Miss Mary Chamberlaine

Foreign Missions

Mrs. J. E. Carpenter
Miss Clara Williamson

Freedmen Missions

Mrs. Louis A. Lanpher
Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin

Indian Mission

Miss E. C. Zantzinger
Mrs. Augustus Jackson

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Mary H. White

REPORT.

Domestic Committee

Money collected, \$66.50, which was spent in purchase of articles for a missionary box, which was sent to a clergyman in Kansas.

It contained 2 overcoats, broadcloth clerical suit, 3 dresses, hosiery, night clothing, underwear, collars, handkerchiefs, towels, aprons, pillow cases, gloves, shirts, 2 lady's winter coats, lady's wrap, piece of muslin, 2 riding habits, 1 doz. napkins, 1 child's coat, hood, heavy blanket, shawl, knitted comfortable, 2 suits of clothes, flannel dressing sacque, summer dress, light woolen shawl, wool for knitting, several valuable books, candies, doll, hats, several jars of marmalade, brushes, and various articles for ornament and use. The whole valued at \$140.

A box was sent to the Sheltering Arms in this city, containing 42 children's dresses, 34 night gowns, 12 flannel shirts, 51 napkins, 7 crib sheets, 1 suit, 2 dolls, 2 prs. socks, 2 knit shirts. Value \$41.69.

A box was sent to the French Mission in this city containing 57 pieces of clothing.

A box of clothing containing 57 garments, was sent to the Italian Mission in this city by one of the girl's classes in the Sunday School.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$30.00, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary, as usual, for insurance on lives of missionaries.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$23.50, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary, for various purposes connected with Southern missions.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$34.75, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$15.00.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$10.00.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the clergy that they may be attended to, and if needy relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. John Mason	Mrs. Augustus Jackson
Mrs. Pleasanton	Miss McCauley
Miss Jackson	Mrs. Keese
Mrs. Wirgman (Asso.)	Mrs. Geo. F. Jordan
Miss Lloyd	Miss White (Asso.)
Miss Price	Mrs. Parvin
Mrs. Giger	Miss Revel

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy, and

conducted a Mother's Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Friday evenings during the winter to some 34 women, and also materials sold at cost prices. Some 505 garments were sold at low figures to members of the meeting, or given away to those who could not afford to buy them. Number of garments made for the members of the meeting, 78; for the Children's Hospital, 484; Western Home for Poor Children, 24. Total, 586. The material for this work was obtained from the Hospitals, part of it cut and prepared, and the rest cut out by the ladies in charge of the meeting. Each woman was given three pieces a week for which she received 50 cents. 16 tons of coal, a cot bed, medicines, groceries and provisions. Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter dinners were provided, also delicacies for some who were sick. A tea was also given for the Mothers' Meeting once a month. Others have been assisted to pay rent. Several were sent to the seaside through the Country Week and some given trips to the Park. Total amount expended, \$428.41.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for Missionary boxes and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Gilpin	Mrs. W. F. Smith
Mrs. Nicholson	Mrs. Anable
Miss Newsum	Mrs. Ladd
Mrs. Barrett	Mrs. Leiper
Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. Wharton (Asso.)
Miss Anable	Miss Lloyd
Miss Mary White	Miss White (Asso.)

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter cut out and made up the material purchased by the Missionary Chapter into articles needed for the missionary box, making a total of about 30 articles.

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for missionary boxes, can be sent to the church at any time, and work is given out after 10.00 A. M. or 8.00 P. M. service on Wednesday during the winter.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Miss Parmelee	Miss Dickerson
Miss Alice Rousseau	Mrs. Penniston (Asso.)
Miss Hendry	Misses Gilpin
Mrs. Hull	Mrs. Milliken
Mrs. W. W. Cooper	Miss Leiper
Miss Hewson	Miss Johnson
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Mrs. Pollock
Miss Barrington	Miss Schell
Miss Seckel	Mrs. Nicholson
Miss Grubb (Asso.)	Miss Vogdes
Mrs. Bonsack	Mrs. Wirgman (Asso.)
Mrs. Lanpher	Miss Dupont (Asso.)
Mrs. Giger	Miss Carpenter
Miss Matilda Harper	Miss Hare
Miss Corson	

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

The following articles were made for the church: A red silk and velvet pulpit fall, a violet silk stole embroidered, a white silk maniple embroidered, fair linen cloth for altar, embroidered, hemmed-stitched and with elaborate open work ends, twenty cottas for the choir, four cottas for servers, a corporal and 12 purificators, a fine linen surplice for the Rector, a white brocade super frontal, a pulpit and lectern fall were made and embroidered for a church at Mechanicsburgh, Pa., as a donation, also a linen corporal embroidered, a cassock and three choir cottas were presented to other churches, and three silk stoles and set of book marks were embroidered for sale.

The class meets every Thursday after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Flower Committee.

The Committee have provided two, and frequently four bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member of the Committee provided the Altar flowers for most of the summer months.

This Committee has also had the care of, and paid for the washing of all the vestments and altar linen of the church.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, one has supplied the altar bread and another the candles.

Total amount expended by this Chapter during the year, \$115.35.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, treasurer.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Miss Jackson	Miss Hodge
Misses Spear	Miss Robb
Miss Parmelee	Miss Brinton (Asso.)
Mrs. John Mason Jr.	Miss Johnson
Miss Harper	Miss Williard
Misses Gilpin	Miss Dudgeon
Miss Leiper	Miss Pearson
Mrs. Hodge	Miss Gaff
Miss Grubb (Asso.)	Mrs. Jordan
Misses Holbrook	Mrs. Lanpher
Mrs. Kyte	Mrs. Neilson (Asso.)
Mrs. Smith	Miss Corson
Miss Schell	Miss Hare
Mrs. Ladd	Miss Mayer (Asso.)
Mrs. McHenry	Miss Vogdes
Miss Saurman	Miss Chase
Miss Francis Robins	Miss Sheive (Asso.)
Miss Evans	Misses Jenkins
Miss Remont	Mrs. Taylor
Miss Clark	Miss White (Asso.)

REPORT.

Two members of this Chapter have taught Bible classes. Twenty-eight have taught in the main and Infant School, fifteen in the Industrial School, two taught classes in the Sunday School of the Church of the Crucifixion, one in the Chinese Sunday School, one played the organ for the Infant School, and another in the Industrial School.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. Gilpin
Mrs. Nicholson	Miss White
Mrs. Gundaker	Mrs. Anable
Miss Colley	Miss Lloyd
Mrs. Pemberton	Mrs. Barrett
Mrs. Smith	Miss Newsum
Miss Marrott (Asso.)	Mrs. Wharton (Asso.)

REPORT.

Money received, donations, \$13.00; sales, \$6.75. Total, \$19.75.

Donations of materials, a piece of flannel, do. of muslin.

Eight cottas and 2 cassocks were made for the choir, 19 aprons were made for orders, and all the garments for the missionary box sent to the Sheltering Arms were made by the members of this Chapter, and some of the members of S. Mary's Guild who worked during Lent for this purpose.

The members of this Chapter also took charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing

Men's Guild.

MASTER,
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Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

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Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine

and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS.

Mr. J. Edward Carpenter	Mr. Tingley
Mr. E. W. Greenough	Dr. Gustave Bonnet
Dr. Thomas R. Neilson	Dr. F. S. Pearce

REPORT.

Several positions for men and boys were secured.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday, Industrial Schools and Bible Class.

MEMBERS.

Mr. W. S. Read	Mr. James Dunlap
Mr. Carroll Hodge	Mr. Theo. Ladd
Mr. Harry Ellis	Mr. F. E. Remont
Mr. C. Thatcher Pfeiffer	Mr. L. M. Remont
Mr. Lawrence Gardiner	Mr. Edward Carpenter
Mr. Lawrence Gaff	Mr. Kelly (Asso.)
Mr. Wm. Hawkins	Mr. Meek

REPORT.

One member of this Chapter has acted as Superintendent of the Sunday School, three have taught classes three had charge of the library, one has acted as organist for the Sunday School, three have acted as secretaries, one has taught a young men's Bible Class, one has been treasurer, two have acted as organist.

Lay Helpers' Chapter.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS.

Mr. Charles Tingley	Mr. Lewis Neilson (Asso.)
Mr. F. C. Botwright	Mr. H. C. Ellis
Mr. William J. Morgan	Mr. Francis S. Keese
Mr. Wm. Thorn (Asso.)	Mr. C. Thatcher Pfeiffer
Mr. A. Greenleagh (Asso.)	Mr. Ernest Waterman
Mr. John D. Henderson	Mr. Albert H. Hayre
Mr. F. T. Pryor (Asso.)	Mr. John R. Snyder
Mr. Jas. Callahan (Asso.)	Mr. David Patchell
Mr. Lawrence Gaff	Mr. Carroll Hodge
Mr. Edw. Van Lear	Mr. Reynolds Clarke
Mr. William Norton	Mr. Samuel McCracken
Mr. Harraden (Asso.)	Mr. William Perry
Mr. George Dooly (Asso.)	

REPORT.

Seven members of this Chapter have sung more or less regularly in the choir as volunteers, one has at times assisted in the service of the church as lay reader. Ten have acted as lay servers, one as cross-bearer. One had charge of the parish library, being present every Wednesday evening to give out books. Several dressed the church for Christmas. One furnished the statistical items for the year book, and assisted the Warden in sending out envelopes, &c.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Ascension Chapter.

Director,

THE RECTOR.

Vice-Director,

THE ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Secretary and Treasurer,

Mr. RICHARD GILPIN.

Number of members, 16.

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to the church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the church, and leaflets containing the Order of Service at the Sunday evening service, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the church.

One has acted as lay reader, assisting the missionary at the Almshouse.

It meets in the Guild room on the first Tuesday of each month, and the men of the congregation generally are invited to join it.

St. John's Guild.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage the boys of the parish to live a Godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden,

THE ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Secretary,

MR. LAWRENCE GARDINER.

Treasurer,

MR. HARRY GILCHRIST.

Banner Bearer,

MR. DAVID PATCHELL.

Number of members, 76.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the parish building on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except during the summer months; on the second Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the fourth for work or recreation.

Superior,

MRS. HENRY C. POLLOCK.

Secretary,

MISS MATHILDE HARPER.

Treasurer,

MISS BARRINGTON.

Banner Bearer,

MISS LILLY ANDERSON.

Number of members, 55.



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YEAR BOOK

1894-95

Officers.

CLERGY

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector.*
The Rev. LOUIS A. LANPHER, M. A., *Assistant.*

WARDENS

J. EDWARD CARPENTER, *Rector's Warden.*
CHAS. L. S. TINGLEY, *Accounting Warden.*

VESTRYMEN

To serve until Easter, 1896.

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.
CHARLES E. BONNET
WM. PLATT PEPPER
CHAS. L. S. TINGLEY

To serve until Easter, 1897.

DAVID JAYNE BULLOCK
FRANCIS S. KEESE
THOMAS ROBB
E. W. GREENOUGH

To serve until Easter, 1898.

SAMUEL WETHERILL
J. EDWARD CARPENTER
STEVENSON H. WALSH
FRANK R. STEVENSON

SEXTON

WILLIAM J. MORGAN

The Choir.

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST

FREDERICK B. NEILSON

CANTOR

EDWARD C. CLAYTON

SUB-ORGANIST

ERNEST T. ALLEN

SOPRANOS

THEODORE N. NEWMAN
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FOLLEN MAYNE

ALTOS

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JAMES H. ATKINSON

JOHN N. MCCracken
ROBERT J. KERR

DANIEL H. KERR

TENORS

EDWARD NEWHAUSER
LEWIS NEILSON
EDWARD C. CLAYTON
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HARVEY W. HINDERMEYER
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FRANK T. PRYOR
EDWARD S. VAN LEER

BASSES

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WILLIAM THORN

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W. OAKLEY HERMANC
CHARLES L. BORIE, JR.

TREASURER

EDWIN S. GAULT

CLERK

CHARLES BURNS

Services.

SUNDAYS

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
11.30 A. M.—Choral Communion.
2.30 P. M.—Children's Service.
4.00 P. M.—Choral Even Song.
7.45 P. M.—Shortened Evening Prayer and Sermon.
During the Summer Months, in place of the 4 and
7.45 P. M. Services, Twilight Service at 7 P. M.

HOLY DAYS

7.30 and 10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY

From October to June.

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.
Sunday School and Bible Classes, 3.00 P. M.

Industrial School, 10.00 A. M. Saturdays, from November to Easter.

Mothers' Meeting, Wednesdays, 7.00 P. M., October to June.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday evening during the Winter.

Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1895.

Baptisms—Adults	2	
Infants	26	
Total	28	
Confirmed	29	
Communicants added, new	20	
Received from other parishes	37	
Total	57	
Died	5	
Removed	34	
Present number	497	
Marriages	9	
Burials	14	
Services, Sundays	295	
Week days	572	
Total	867	
Average attendance, Sundays	335	
“ “ Week days	23	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion		
Public	171	
Private	4	
Total	175	
Number of Communions made	3396	
“ Sermons preached	226	
Children catechised (times)	66	
Number of families known to the Clergy	300	
“ individuals	789	
“ scholars in Sunday Schools	146	
“ “ Bible Classes	34	
“ “ Industrial School	146	

Financial Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms-Chests, Guilds and individual contribution (all being freewill offerings)	\$ 8,480 96
Investments	560 82
Other Sources	1,220 47
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	\$10,262 25

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$ 3,040 00
Music	1,680 00
Miscellaneous	1,602 40
Repairs and Improvements	456 50
Payment of Debt	1,707 65
Convention Fund	109 40
Interest on Mortgage	1,242 40
Charities—	
Poor	\$237 17
Schools	181 09
Domestic Missions	125 14
Foreign “	67 79
Freedmen “	52 50
Indian “	30 00
Diocesan “	85 00
Female Tract Society	11 00
Prayer Book Society	13 00
Episcopal Hospital	24 59
Church Building	3 00
Western Sufferers	3 00
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Analysis of Offertory.

*Showing the sums in which it was received
from 1st May, 1894, to 1st May, 1895.*

1	offering of \$360 00	\$ 360 00
1	" 200 00	200 00
1	" 150 00	150 00
3	" 100 00	300 00
1	" 82 00	82 00
1	" 75 00	75 00
9	" 50 00	450 00
1	" 30 00	30 00
11	" 25 00	275 00
8	" 20 00	160 00
1	" 19 47	19 47
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2	" 11 00	22 00
30	" 10 00	300 00
3	" 6 00	18 00
142	" 5 00	710 00
59	" 4 00	236 00
1	" 3 50	3 50
16	" 3 00	48 00
3	" 2 50	7 50
234	" 2 00	468 00
51	" 1 50	76 50
3	" 1 30	3 90
1,378	" 1 00	1,378 00
1	" 75	75
8	" 60	4 80
847	" 50	423 50
30	" 30	9 00
4,691	" 25	1,172 75
279	" 20	55 80
586	" 15	87 90
4,075	" 10	407 50
6,727	" 05	336 35
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11,060	" 01	110 60

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Special offerings for memorials, &c . . . 401 94

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In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscription and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year: Two stained glass memorial windows for the chancel, one representing Christ going forth to conquer (Rev. vi), and the other His second coming in glory; one do. for the clere-story, representing the Archangel Michael; stone stand for lectern, wardrobe for parish building, wooden rack for envelopes and cards, plate glass in oak frame for Vestry room, engraving of the Ecce Homo for do., $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. towels for do., pint of Communion wine, six canvas bags for collections, pieces of wood for wood carving class in Industrial School, 125 volumes for Parish and Sunday School Libraries, large number of illustrated papers and magazines for do., large number of fancy articles for fair, and of cake, coffee, teas, sugar, flowers, etc., for Parish and Musical Teas.

Shortly after Easter a number of the ladies of the parish issued invitations to a Musical Tea in the Stratford Hotel, for the benefit of the mortgage debt fund. A number of promi-

nent musicians volunteered their services, and simple refreshments were served. A table of fancy articles was also furnished, and a sale was afterwards held in the parish building. The effort resulted in raising over \$1200, which, with some contributions made for the purpose, enabled the Vestry to reduced the mortgage on the church \$1500. A resolution was passed by the Vestry at their regular meeting in May, returning their thanks to the ladies for their efforts on behalf of the church.

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Miss Isabel Shell

REPORT.

Domestic Committee

Money collected, \$69.00, which was spent in the purchase of articles for six missionary boxes

which were sent to clergymen in Minnesota, Tennessee, Wisconsin and New Hampshire, and a student in the General Theological Seminary. They contained several partly worn cloaks lined with fur, shawls, sacques, wraps for summer wear, set of furs, dresses new and partly worn, hosiery, underwear, clerical suit, cloak, hat, gloves, collars, cuffs, handkerchiefs, several suits of clothing, a number of articles for the house, pillow cases, towels, napkins, 4 pounds of tea, canned fruits, candies, table cloths, glassware, a few fancy and useful articles for the table, two boxes of millinery goods for summer and winter, an overcoat and some other partly worn clothing still in excellent condition. A box of children's clothing was sent by one of the classes of the Sunday School to the Italian Mission, valued at \$10.00. The total value of boxes was \$305.00.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$15.00, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary, as usual, for insurance on lives of missionaries.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$51.00, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary, for various purposes connected with Southern missions.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$30.00, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$13.00.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$11.00.

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Miss Price	Mrs. Parvin
Mrs. Giger	Miss Revel

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy, and conducted a Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Friday evenings during the winter to some 30 women, and also materials sold at cost prices. Some 300 garments and 17 pairs of shoes were sold at low prices to members of

the meeting, or given away to those who could not afford to buy them. 470 garments were made for the Children's Hospital, the material being provided. The members also furnished a table at the fair held for the benefit of the church debt, from the sales at which \$11.70 were realized. 16 tons of coal, a Christmas dinner for each member of the meeting, and three teas were provided, others were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. Donations received, a piece of canton flannel, a piece of green flannel, a piece of muslin. Total amount expended, \$237.17.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for missionary boxes and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Gilpin	Mrs. Anable
Mrs. Nicholson	Mrs. Parvin
Mrs. Barrett	Mrs. Leiper
Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. Morgan
Miss Anable	Mrs. Wharton
Miss Schell	Miss Lloyd
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Miss Vogdes

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter cut out and made up the material purchased by the Missionary Chapter into articles needed for the missionary boxes.

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for missionary boxes, can be sent to the church at any time, and work is given out after 10.00 A. M. or 8 P. M. service on Wednesday during the winter.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Miss Parmelee	Misses Gilpin
Miss Alice Rousseau	Mrs. Milliken
Mrs. Hull	Miss Leiper
Miss Hewson	Miss Johnson
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Mrs. Pollock
Miss Barrington	Miss Schell
Miss Seckel	Mrs. Nicholson
Miss Grubb (Asso.)	Miss Vogdes
Mrs. Bonsack	Mrs. Bullock
Mrs. Laupher	Mrs. Tait
Miss Hendry	Miss Means
Miss Matilda Harper	Miss Hodge
Miss Dickerson	Miss Carpenter
Mrs. Penniston (Asso.)	Miss Hare
Miss Corson	

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

The following articles were made : A fine cassock for the Rector, a very fine surplice for do., do. for the Assistant Minister, linen corporal embroidered for the church, two white brocade stoles made and embroidered as gifts, a white brocade altar cloth and a green stole were executed as orders. Two new surplices and three old surplices, and a violet and a black stole were presented to missionaries. Amount received for work, \$33.00.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Flower Committee.

The Committee have provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member of the Committee provided the altar flowers for most of the summer months.

This Committee has also had the care of, and paid for the washing of all the vestments and altar linen of the church.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, one has supplied the altar bread, and another the candles.

Total amount expended by this Chapter during the year, \$117.15.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Miss Jackson	Miss Brinton (Asso.)
Miss Parmelee	Mrs. Geiger
Miss Harper	Miss Chase
Misses Gilpin	Miss Williard
Miss Leiper	Miss Wharton
Mrs. Hodge	Mrs. Jordan
Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Parks (Asso.)
Miss Schell	Mrs. Neilson (Asso.)
Miss Mitchell (Asso.)	Miss Corson
Miss Saurman	Miss Hare
Miss Clark	Miss Miller
Mrs. Walter Cox (Asso.)	Miss Revel
Mrs. Eckert	Miss Lothead
Miss White (Asso.)	Miss Vogdes
Miss Hodge	Misses Jenkins
Miss Robb	Miss G. C. Yocum

Miss Pancake

REPORT.

Two members of this Chapter have taught Bible classes. Twenty-eight have taught in the main and Infant School, thirteen in the Industrial School, two taught classes in the

Sunday School of the Church of the Crucifixion, one in the Chinese Sunday School, one played the organ for the Infant School, and another in the Industrial School.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Carmen	Miss White (Asso.)
Mrs. Nicholson	Mrs. Anable
Mrs. Gundaker	Miss Lloyd
Miss Jenkins	Mrs. Barrett
Mrs. Morgan	Mrs. Wharton
Mrs. Pemberton	Mrs. Beath
Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Allen
Miss Marrott (Asso.)	Miss Walker
Mrs. Gilpin	Miss N. Jenkins
	Miss Revel

REPORT.

Money received, donations, \$6.00; sales, \$8.00. Total, \$14.00.

Donations of materials, a piece of alpaca for cassocks, cambrics, flannel, gingham, some partly worn clothing, two sets of dusters, etc.

Five new cassocks were made for the choir,

19 aprons were made for orders. Twenty white dresses, eight colored dresses, twelve night dresses, two flannel wrappers, thirty-four pillow slips, twenty-eight napkins, and six rag dolls were made during Lent for a box sent to S. Christopher's Hospital, valued at \$30.00.

The members of this Chapter also took charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.



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Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master ; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed and to report those who are in need and

deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS.

Mr. J. Edward Carpenter	Mr. Tingley
Mr. E. W. Greenough (Asso.)	Dr. Gustave Bonnet
Dr. Thomas R. Neilson	Dr. F. S. Pearce
Mr. Wm. Mayne	

REPORT.

Several positions for men and boys were secured, and two medical cases were attended by Drs. Neilson and Pearce.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday, Industrial Schools and Bible Class.

MEMBERS.

Mr. W. S. Read (Asso.)	Mr. F. B. Falkner (Asso.)
Mr. Carroll Hodge	Mr. Frank Seddinger
Mr. Lawrence Gardiner	Mr. Frank Shelton
Mr. Lawrence Gaff	Mr. Edward Carpenter
Mr. Kelly (Asso.)	

REPORT.

One member of this Chapter has acted as Superintendent of the Sunday School, one has taught a class, three had charge of the library, one has acted as organist for the Sunday School,

one acted as secretary, one has taught a young men's Bible Class, one has been treasurer, one has acted as organist.

Lay Helpers' Chapter.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS.

Mr. F. C. Botwright	Mr. Wm. R. Wilson
Mr. William J. Morgan	Mr. Lawrence Gardiner
Mr. Wm. Thorn (Asso.)	Mr. Frank Seddinger
Mr. F. T. Pryor (Asso.)	Mr. Saltmarsh
Mr. Lawrence Gaff	Mr. Ernest Waterman
Mr. Edw. Van Lear	Mr. Albert H. Eayre
Mr. William Norton	Mr. Reynolds Clarke
Mr. Lewis Neilson (Asso.)	Mr. Samuel McCracken
Mr. H. C. Ellis	Mr. William Perry
Mr. H. W. Hindermeyer	Mr. George Dooly
Mr. W. Oakley Hermance (Asso.)	

REPORT.

Six members of this Chapter have sung more or less regularly in the choir as volunteers. Nine have acted as lay servers, two as cross-bearers. One had charge of the parish library, being present every Wednesday evening to give out books. Several dressed the church for Christmas. One furnished the statistical items for the year book, and assisted the Warden in sending out envelopes, &c.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Ascension Chapter.

Director,

THE RECTOR.

Vice-Director,

THE ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Secretary and Treasurer,

MR. RICHARD GILPIN.

Number of members, 12.

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to the church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the church, and leaflets containing the Order of Service at the Sunday evening service, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the church.

One has acted as lay reader, assisting the missionary at the Almshouse.

It meets in the Guild room on the first Tuesday of each month, and the men of the congregation generally are invited to join it.

St. John's Guild.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live a Godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden,

THE ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Secretary,

MR. LAWRENCE GARDINER.

Treasurer,

MR.

Banner Bearer,

MR. DAVID PATCHELL.

Number of members, 43.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the parish building on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except during the summer months; on the second Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the fourth for work or recreation.

Superior,

MRS. HENRY C. POLLOCK.

Secretary,

MISS MATHILDE HARPER.

Treasurer,

MISS BARRINGTON.

Banner Bearer,

MISS LILLY ANDERSON.

Number of members, 49.



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YEAR BOOK

1895-96

The Choir.

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CLERK

DOUGLAS H. ROSS

Services.

SUNDAYS

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
11.30 A. M.—Choral Communion.
2.30 P. M.—Children's Service.
4.00 P. M.—Choral Even Song.
7.45 P. M.—Shortened Evening Prayer and Sermon.
During the Summer Months, in place of the 4 and
7.45 P. M. Services, Twilight Service at 7 P. M.

HOLY DAYS

7.30 and 10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY

From October to June.

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.
3.00 P. M.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.

Industrial School, 10.00 A. M. Saturdays, from November to Easter.

Mothers' Meeting, Wednesdays, 7.00 P. M., October to June.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday evening during the Winter.

Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1896.

Baptisms—Adults	4	
Infants	26	
Total	30	
Confirmed	33	
Communicants added, new	29	
Received from other parishes	40	
Total	69	
Died	10	
Removed	52	
Present number	504	
Marriages	12	
Burials	19	
Services, Sundays	295	
Week days	572	
Total	867	
Average attendance, Sundays	313	
“ “ Week days	23	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion:		
Public	168	
Private	7	
Total	175	
Number of Communion made	2945	
“ Sermons preached	218	
Children catechised (times)	64	
Number of families known to the Clergy	300	
“ individuals	763	
“ scholars in Sunday School	133	
“ “ Bible Classes	28	
“ “ Industrial School	123	

Financial Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms-Chests, Guilds and individual contribution (all being freewill offerings)	\$7,388 37
Investments	561 05
Other Sources	392 45
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	\$8,341 87

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$3,030 00
Music	1,841 35
Miscellaneous	1,089 13
Repairs and Improvements	244 11
Convention Fund	108 22
Interest on Mortgage	1,075 00
Charities—	
Poor	\$266 55
Schools	151 15
Domestic Missions	126 49
Foreign	76 63
Freedmen	61 00
Indian	26 50
Diocesan	90 90
Sustentation Fund	35 16
Church House	66 10
Free and Open Church Asso.	23 29
Female Tract Society	16 00
Prayer Book Society	12 00
Episcopal Hospital	31 09
Church Building	4 00
Armenian Sufferers	5 00

991 86

\$8,379 67

Analysis of Offertory.

*Showing the sums in which it was received
from 1st May, 1895, to 1st May, 1896.*

1	offering of \$300 00	\$ 300 00
1	" 200 00	200 00
7	" 50 00	350 00
1	" 36 00	36 00
1	" 35 00	35 00
1	" 30 00	30 00
3	" 25 00	75 00
9	" 20 00	180 00
3	" 15 00	45 00
1	" 13 50	13 50
31	" 10 00	310 00
217	" 5 00	1,085 00
95	" 4 00	380 00
5	" 3 00	15 00
5	" 2 50	12 50
1	" 2 40	2 40
156	" 2 00	312 00
52	" 1 50	78 00
22	" 1 30	28 60
1,476	" 1 00	1,476 00
578	" 50	289 00
1	" 30	30
3,927	" 25	981 75
3	" 20	60
3	" 15	45
3,859	" 10	385 90
6,826	" 5	341 30
27	" 3	81
11,214	" 1	112 14
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Unclassified		\$7,076 25
		312 12
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		\$7,388 37

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All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental

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In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

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The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year: A stained glass clere-story window representing S. Luke, two seven-branch brass candle sticks for altar, 2 boxes of candles for altar, mirror for choir room, 100 new Hymnals for the church, two large Bibles and a number of prayer books, 18 volumes for the Sunday School library, red silk book marker with crosses, pen wiper for sacristy, 3 dozen large palm leaf fans, 3 dozen small do., large number of church and illustrated papers and magazines, large amount of cake, coffee, tea, sugar, flowers, etc., for Parish and Mothers' Meeting Teas.

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Female Tract Society.

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REPORT.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$77 15, which was spent in the purchase of articles for seven mission-

ary boxes and bundles sent to clergymen in Illinois, Michigan, Iowa and Minnesota.

They contained a clerical suit, 2 overcoats and 3 suits for boys, cloth cape, pair of blankets, 8 sheets, 12 towels, 6 pillow-slips, hosiery, collars, cuffs, shirts, underwear, new dress, gloves, pins, trimmings for dress, broadcloth suit for lady, box of useful articles, muff, shirt, slippers, wrapper, infant's outfit, afghan, flannel, dresses, candies, books, games, &c.

A box of children's clothing was sent by one of the classes of the Sunday School to the Italian Mission, containing man's suit, coat, lot of underwear, 6 pairs of stockings, 8 dresses, partly worn, and 30 new articles of clothing. A large number of fancy articles were sent to a church fair in Lewiston, Maine, and 12 old Tucker's Hymnals to a church in Vineland, N. J. The total value of boxes was \$230.00.

Foreign Committee.

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Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$58.00, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary, for various purposes connected with Southern missions.

This committee also sent part of a box to a clergyman in Tennessee, valued at \$10.00.

Indian Committee.

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Female Prayer Book Society.

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REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy, and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter to some 20 women, and also materials sold at cost prices. Some 309 garments were sold at low prices to members of the meeting, or given away to those who could not afford to buy them. 530 garments were made for the Pennsylvania Hospital and 414 for the Children's Hospital, 944 in all, the material being provided. 19½ tons of coal, a Christmas dinner for each member of the meeting, and three teas were provided; a stove was given to one poor woman and some pieces of furniture to two others; others were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. Total amount expended, \$262.55.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for missionary boxes and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

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Mrs. Nicholson	Mrs. Anable
Mrs. Barrett	Mrs. Morgan
Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. Wharton
Miss Anable	Miss Lloyd
Miss Schell	Miss Vogdes
Mrs. Ladd	

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter cut out and make up the material purchased by the Missionary Chapter into articles needed for the missionary boxes.

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for missionary boxes, can be sent to the church at any time, and work is given out after 10.00 A.M. or 8 P.M. service on Wednesday during the winter.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS.

Miss Parmelee	Mrs. Page (Asso.)
Miss Alice Rousseau	Misses Gilpin
Mrs. Hull	Miss Leiper
Miss Hewson	Mrs. Pollock
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Miss Schell
Miss Barrington	Mrs. Nicholson
Miss Seckel	Miss Vogdes
Mrs. Bonsack	Mrs. Tait

MEMBERS—CONTINUED.

Mrs. Lanpher	Miss Means
Miss Hendry	Miss Carpenter
Miss Matilda Harper	Miss Hare
Miss Dickerson	Mrs. Coit
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Kester (Asso.)

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

The following articles were made: A fine surplice for the Rector and five cottas for servers. A surplice, 2 altar superfrontals, 2 litany desk falls and a dossel, made and embroidered as gifts. Two altar frontals, 1 superfrontal, a burse, chalice veil, 2 book markers, a stole and 2 pulpit falls were executed as orders. Two old stoles were presented to missionaries, and two new ones to the Church House. Amount received for work, \$222.78.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee.

The Committee provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and holy days throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick.

Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member of the Committee provided the altar flowers for most of the summer months. Two members of this Committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

This Committee has also had the care of, and paid for the washing of all the vestments and altar linen of the church.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, one has supplied the altar bread, and another the candles.

Total amount expended by this Chapter during the year, \$130.45.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Miss Jackson	Miss Emily Smith
Miss Parmelee	Miss Brinton (Asso.)
Miss Harper	Miss Chase
Misses Gilpin	Miss Wharton
Miss Leiper	Mrs. Jordan
Mrs. Hodge	Mrs. Neilson (Asso.)
Mrs. Smith	Miss Hare
Miss Schell	Miss Miller
Mrs. Walter Cox	Miss Vogdes
Miss White (Asso.)	Miss G. C. Vocum
Miss Hodge	Miss Irwin
Miss Hamilton	Miss Means
Miss Grider (Asso.)	Mrs. Patterson

REPORT.

Three members of this Chapter have taught Bible classes. Seventeen have taught in the main and Infant School, nine in the Industrial School, one taught a class in the Sunday School of the Church of the Crucifixion, and one in the Chinese Sunday School, and one in the Sewing School of Christ Church Chapel.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, and a Festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

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Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. Anable
Mrs. Nicholson	Miss Anable
Mrs. Gundaker	Mrs. Barrett
Miss Menah (Asso.)	Mrs. Wharton
Mrs. Clark	Mrs. Beath
Mrs. Mason	Mrs. Allen
Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Jordan (Asso.)
Mrs. Gilpin	Miss Lydia Smith
Miss Hewson	Miss Emily Smith
Miss Lloyd	Miss Schell
Mrs. Mayne	Miss Vogdes
Miss White (Asso.)	Miss Chamberlaine

REPORT.

Money received, donations, \$5.00; sales, \$13.30. Total, \$18.30.

Donations of materials, a piece of alpaca for cassocks, cambric, flannel, gingham, and some partly worn clothing, etc.

Eight new cassocks and 22 cottas were made for the choir, 17 aprons were made for orders.

This Chapter also prepared during Lent a box of children's clothing for the Sheltering Arms, valued at \$35.00.

The members of this Chapter also took charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.



Men's Guild.

MASTER,

The REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All male communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Men belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed and to report those who are

in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS.

Mr. J. Edward Carpenter	Mr. Tingley
Mr. E. W. Greenough (Asso.)	Dr. Gustave Bonnet
Dr. Thomas R. Neilson	Dr. F. S. Pearce
Mr. Wm. Mayne	

REPORT.

Several positions for men and boys were secured, two medical cases were attended to and one legal one.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Mr. William C. Mayne	Mr. F. B. Falkner (Asso.)
Mr. Lawrence Gardiner	Mr. Frank Seddinger
Mr. Harry Hodge	Mr. Albert H. Eyre
Mr. Kelly (Asso.)	

REPORT.

Two members of this Chapter have acted as Superintendent of the Sunday School, one has taught a class, three had charge of the library, one has acted as Secretary and one as organist for the Sunday School.

Lay Helpers' Chapter.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS.

Mr. F. C. Botwright	Mr. Edw. Newhauser
Mr. William J. Morgan	Mr. S. G. Rondinella (Asso.)
Mr. Wm. Thoru (Asso.)	Mr. Wm. R. Wilson
Mr. F. T. Pryor (Asso.)	Mr. Lawrence Gardiner
Mr. Chester Martz	Mr. Frank Seddinger
Mr. Edw. Van Lear	Mr. Saltmarsh
Mr. William Norton	Mr. Ernest Waterman
Mr. Balsey (Asso.)	Mr. Albert H. Eyre
Mr. H. C. Ellis	Mr. George Dooly
Mr. H. W. Hindermeyer	Mr. Albert Dooly
Mr. George Wharton	Mr. John Mason
Mr. W. Oakley Hermance (Asso.)	

REPORT.

Thirteen members of this Chapter have sung more or less regularly in the choir as volunteers. Six have acted as lay servers, two as cross bearers. One had charge of the parish library, being present every Wednesday evening to give out books. Several dressed the church for Christmas. One furnished the statistical items for the year book. One played the organ at the Wednesday night service.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Ascension Chapter.

Director,

THE RECTOR.

Vice-Director,

THE ASSISTANT MINISTER,

Secretary and Treasurer,

MR. RICHARD GILPIN.

Number of members, 12.

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to the church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the church, and leaflets containing the Order of Service at the Sunday evening service, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the church.

One has acted as lay reader, assisting the missionary at the Almshouse.

It meets in the Guild room on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and the men of the congregation generally are invited to join it.

St. John's Guild.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live a Godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden,

THE ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Secretary,

MR. LAWRENCE GARDINER.

Treasurer,

MR. HARRY HINDERMEYER.

Banner Bearer,

MR. DAVID PATCHELL.

Number of members, 30.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin

OBJECT.

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the parish building on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except during the summer months; on the second Tuesday for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the fourth for work or recreation.

Superior,

MRS. CLARK.

Secretary,

MISS GERTRUDE MILLER.

Treasurer,

MISS BARRINGTON.

Banner Bearer,

MISS LIZZIE MAYKINS.

Number of members, 35.

YEAR BOOK

1896-97



CHURCH 
OF THE 
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Broad Street
Below South
PHILADELPHIA



Officers.

CLERGY

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M.A., *Rector.*
The Rev. LOUIS A. LANPHER, M.A., *Assistant.*

WARDENS

J. EDWARD CARPENTER, *Rector's Warden.*
CHARLES E. BONNET, *Accounting Warden.*

VESTRYMEN

To serve until Easter, 1898.

SAMUEL WETHERILL
J. EDWARD CARPENTER
STEVENSON H. WALSH
ROBERT R. CORSON

To serve until Easter, 1899.

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M.D.
CHARLES E. BONNET
WM. PLATT PEPPER
CHAS. L. S. TINGLEY

To serve until Easter, 1900.

FRANCIS S. KEESE
THOMAS ROBB
JOHN D. HENDERSON
GEORGE GRAY KNOWLES, JR.

SEXTON

WILLIAM J. MORGAN

The Choir.

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST

FREDERICK B. NEILSON

CANTOR

EDWARD C. CLAYTON

SUB-ORGANIST

FRANK S. BALSEY

SOPRANOS

BENJAMIN L. MILLIGAN	WILLIAM PATTON
ROBERT H. PATTON	WILBUR H. CROSS
WILLIAM F. STRONG	WILLARD B. G. TERRY
GEORGE R. CONGER	JOHN STRONG
WILLIAM MOFFIT	ALFRED D. EMRICK, JR.
CHRISTIAN J. HAWKES	ALEXANDER MCILVAINE
WILLIAM H. BEGLEY	ROYAL G. CORNISH
GEORGE JACK	

ALTOS

GEORGE K. ANDERSON CHARLES W. DAVISON

TENORS

EDWARD C. CLAYTON SALVATORE G. RONDINELLA
EDWARD S. VAN LEER HARVEY W. HINDERMEYER

BASSES

JOHN S. PAUL	WILLIAM THORN
W. OAKLEY HERMANEC	FRED'K C. BOTWRIGHT
ROBERT MILLER	

CLERK

DOUGLAS H. ROSS

Services.

SUNDAYS

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
11.30 A. M.—Choral Communion.
2.30 P. M.—Children's Service.
4.00 P. M.—Choral Evensong.
7.45 P. M.—Shortened Evening Prayer and Sermon.
During the Summer Months, in place of the 4 and 7.45 P. M. Services, Twilight Service at 7 P. M.

HOLY DAYS

7.30 and 10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY

From October to June.

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.

3.00 P. M.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
10.00 A. M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from November to Easter.
8.30 P. M.—Wednesdays, Mothers' Meeting, November to June.
The Parish Library is open Wednesday evening during the Winter.

Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1897.

Baptisms—Adults	5	
Infants	18	
Total	23	
Confirmed	30	
Communicants added, new	45	
Received from other parishes	27	
Total	72	
Died	8	
Removed	54	
Present number	514	
Marriages	9	
Burials	11	
Services, Sundays	289	
Week-days	532	
Total	821	
Average attendance, Sundays	336	
“ “ Week-days	26	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion:		
Public	183	
Private	7	
Total	190	
Number of Communions made	3055	
“ Sermons preached	228	
Children catechised (times)	61	
Number of families known to the Clergy	310	
“ individuals	758	
“ scholars in Sunday School	133	
“ “ Bible Classes	53	
“ “ Industrial School	116	

Financial Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, Guilds and individual contribution (all being freewill offerings)	\$ 7,161 06
Investments	602 12
Other Sources	266 43
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	\$8,029 61

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$ 3,095 00
Music	1,773 35
Miscellaneous	871 91
Repairs and Improvements	283 98
Payment of Debt	500 00
Convention Fund	108 82
Interest on Debt	1,111 52
Charities—	
Poor	\$191 36
Schools	123 63
Domestic Missions	90 90
Foreign “	57 38
Freedmen “	22 00
Indian “	40 00
Diocesan “	94 00
City “	5 00
Deaf “	5 00
Italian “	5 00
Seamen “	5 00
Jewish “	11 50
Female Tract Society	11 00
Prayer Book Society	12 00
Episcopal Hospital	30 58
Church Building	2 00
Sustentation Fund	35 45
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	\$8,486 38

Analysis of Offertory.

*Showing the sums in which it was received
from 1st May, 1896, to 1st May, 1897.*

2 offerings of \$200 00	\$ 400 00
2 " 100 00	200 00
5 " 50 00	250 00
2 " 35 00	70 00
1 " 30 00	30 00
6 " 25 00	150 00
9 " 20 00	180 00
1 " 16 00	16 00
5 " 15 00	75 00
1 " 12 00	12 00
26 " 10 00	260 00
229 " 5 00	1,145 00
83 " 4 00	332 00
10 " 3 00	30 00
1 " 2 75	2 75
1 " 2 50	2 50
177 " 2 00	354 00
39 " 1 50	58 50
19 " 1 31	24 89
1,365 " 1 00	1,365 00
681 " 50	340 50
8 " 35	2 80
4,248 " 25	1,062 00
2 " 15	30
3,703 " 10	370 30
7,350 " 5	367 50
19 " 3	57
11,636 " 1	116 36
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	\$7,217 97
Unclassified	143 58
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	\$7,361 55

THE church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers made through the offertory, at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability, as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for various benevolent purposes which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental

expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscription and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year: A pair of brass gates for dwarf screen, memorial marble and brass tablet to the late Spencer Ervin, silver cup for St. John's Guild (memorial of the same), portrait of the same, photograph of Cologne Cathedral, box of soap, hat stand for ladies' work room, 6 racks for books in church, 12 dozen tumblers, 4 collection bags, a set of wood carving tools, 30 lbs. of candles for altar, 7 prayer books, 12 volumes for the Sunday School library and 14 for the Parish library, water filterer for sacristy, large number of church and illustrated papers and magazines, large amount of cake, coffee, tea, sugar, flowers, etc., for Parish and Mothers' Meeting Teas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school, and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday, except during two summer months, at 3.00 P. M. The total collections of the Sunday School have been \$76.62, which was used for the expenses of the school. The sum of \$75.22 was collected by the scholars during Lent, and was given to domestic and foreign missions.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$28.60.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called "*The Ascension News*" is published monthly, except in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

Women's Guild.

MASTER.

The REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All female communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All service and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter.

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or other benevolent societies. Their duties

are to attend the meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this Chapter constituted themselves a parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions early in the year, and held a regular missionary meeting on the first Friday of every month. Mrs. Thos. Neilson, being elected president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary; and Mrs. T. Leaming Smith, treasurer. They collected in mite boxes for the United Offering Fund, \$27.60, and for the salary of a Missionary Bishop, \$15.75.

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions.

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)
Miss Mary Chamberlaine

Foreign Missions.

Miss Vogdes
Mrs. J. Gibson McCall (Asso.)

Freedmen Missions.

Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin
Mrs. T. Leaming Smith

Indian Missions.

Mrs. George G. Knowles
Miss S. E. Gilpin

Female Prayer Book Society.

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society.

Miss Isabel Shell

REPORT.*Domestic Committee.*

Money collected, \$102.25, of which \$59 was spent in the purchase of articles for a missionary box sent to a clergyman in the Diocese of Iowa, and one to a missionary in the Diocese of Michigan.

They contained a clerical suit, several other suits, house linen, sheets, pillow slips, towels, napkins and table cloths, also underwear for summer and winter, hosiery, shirts, collars, cuffs, handkerchiefs, aprons, gloves, a new dress each for the clergyman's wife and two daughters, a heavy, comfortable suit of clothes for the son, pair of blankets, work basket filled, toys, ornaments, books, baskets, shoes, 1 dozen napkins, groceries, candies, several cloaks, wraps, dresses, etc. The total valued at \$157.00.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$26.53, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary: For insurance on lives of missionaries, \$19; for girls' school, Cape Palmas, \$5; for sick, \$1; for typewriter in Chinese Mission, \$1.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$22.00, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary: For stove and sewing machine, St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, \$20; for Contingent Fund, etc., \$2.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$45.00, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$12.00.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$11.00.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the clergy that they may be attended to, and if needy relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS

Mrs. John Mason	Miss Price
Miss Jackson	Miss Grider
Miss Lloyd	Mrs. Augustus Jackson
	Mrs. Geo. F. Jordan

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy, and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter to some 21 women, and also materials sold at cost prices. Some 267 garments, 19 pairs of shoes and 11 hats were sold at low prices to members of the meeting, or given away to those who could not afford to buy them. 489 garments were made for the Children's Hospital, 42 for the Sheltering Arms, 21 donated to the Women's Homœopathic Hospital, 552 in all, the material being provided. 14½ tons of coal, a Christmas dinner for each member of the meeting by the girls of Miss Anable's school, and three teas were provided; others were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. Total amount expended, \$191.36.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter

are the cutting out and making up of garments for missionary boxes and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Gilpin	Mrs. W. F. Smith
Mrs. Nicholson	Mrs. Anable
Mrs. Barrett	Mrs. Morgan
Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. Wharton
Miss Anable	Miss Lloyd
Miss Schell	Miss Vogdes
	Mrs. Ladd

REPORT.

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Mrs. Bonsack	Miss Brooke (Asso.)
Mrs. Bullock (Asso.)	Miss Jordan (Asso.)
Miss Lydia Smith	Miss Miller
Miss Stokes (Asso.)	Miss Carpenter
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Miss Matilda Harper	Mrs. Coit
Miss Dickerson	Miss Kester (Asso.)

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

The following articles were made: Three surplices, a white silk embroidered chasuble, three stoles, two maniples and a black silk girdle for the church, and a new gown purchased for the verger. A surplice, a chalice veil and burse, and two alms basin mats, were executed as orders. A surplice, chalice veil and burse, an altar frontal and super-frontal were made, the materials being furnished. A fair linen altar cloth was made for, and a red silk embroidered pulpit fall and a fair linen credence cover given to, mission churches. Amount received for work, \$36.00.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee.

The Committee provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and holy days through-

out the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. Two members of this Committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

This Committee has also had the care of, and paid for the washing of all the vestments and altar linen of the church.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, one has supplied the altar bread, and another the candles.

Total amount expended by this Chapter during the year, \$130.73.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter.

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MEMBERS.

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Miss Harper	Miss Brinton (Asso.)
Misses Gilpin	Miss Chase
Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Jordan
Mrs. Walter Cox	Miss Hare
Miss Hodge	Miss Vogdes
Miss Hamilton	Miss C. G. Yocum

MEMBERS—CONTINUED.

Miss Grider	Mrs. Patterson
Miss Jordan (Asso.)	Miss Stokes (Asso.)
Miss Alibone (Asso.)	Miss Clark
Mrs. Beates	Miss Evans (Asso.)

Miss Robb

REPORT.

Two members of this Chapter have taught Bible classes. Fourteen have taught in the main and Infant Sunday School, twelve in the Industrial School, one taught a class in the Sunday School of the Church of the Crucifixion, and one in the Chinese Sunday School, and one in the Sewing School of Christ Church Chapel.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, and a Festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

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Mrs. W. F. Smith	Mrs. T. L. Smith
Mrs. Gilpin	Miss Vogdes
Miss Hewson	Miss Chamberlaine

REPORT.

Money received, donations, \$7.50; sales, \$10.23. Total, \$17.73.

Donation of materials, serge and alpaca for cassocks, 149 yards of muslin and a piece of linen.

Six new cassocks and 32 cottas were made for the choir, 3 for servers and 3 surplices for clergymen, 16 aprons were made for orders.

This Chapter also, aided by some members of St. Mary's Guild, prepared during Lent a box of 33 pillow slips, 61 articles of clothing and 8 games for the Howard Hospital, valued at \$32.00.

The members of this Chapter also take charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.



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Ex-Officio.

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MEMBERS.

Mr. J. Edward Carpenter	Mr. Tingley
Mr. E. W. Greenough (Asso.)	Dr. Gustave Bonnet
Dr. Thomas R. Neilson	Dr. F. S. Pearce
Dr. J. W. Crowley	Mr. G. W. Welsh, Jr.
Mr. Henry Kelly (Asso.)	Mr. Wm. Mayne

REPORT.

Several positions for men and boys were secured, four medical cases were attended. One of the physicians paying in one case some twenty-five visits.

This Chapter also gave two smokers during the year, for the purpose of bringing the men of the parish together and interesting them in the work of the church, which were well attended.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Mr. William C. Mayne	Mr. George W. Welsh, Jr.
Mr. Lawrence Gardiner	Mr. D. G. Luckett
Mr. Harry Hodge	Mr. Albert H. Eyre
Mr. Kelly (Asso.)	Mr. Harry J. Childs

REPORT.

One member of this Chapter has acted as Superintendent of the Sunday School, another as Assistant Superintendent, three have taught classes, one had charge of the library, one has acted as Secretary and one as organist for the Sunday School.

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It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

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Mr. Wm. Thorn (Asso.)	Mr. Saltmarsh
Mr. Chester Martz	Mr. Ernest Waterman
Mr. W. M. Cougar	Mr. Albert H. Eyre
Mr. Edw. Van Lear	Mr. George Dooly
Mr. E. H. Dooly	Mr. Albert Dooly
Mr. Balsey (Asso.)	Mr. John Mason
Mr. H. C. Ellis	Mr. Thomas Shelton
Mr. H. W. Hindermeyer	Mr. William Perry
Mr. Wm. Miller (Asso.)	Mr. Robt. Marshall
Mr. Edw. Newhauser	Mr. Rider (Asso.)
Mr. S. G. Rondinella (Asso.)	Mr. Harry J. Childs
Dr. W. Oakley Hermance (Asso.)	

REPORT.

Seventeen members of this Chapter have sung more or less regularly in the choir as

volunteers. Six have acted as lay servers, two as cross bearers. One had charge of the parish library, being present every Wednesday evening to give out books. Several dressed the church for Christmas. One furnished the statistical items for the year book. One played the organ at the Wednesday night service. Two have acted as lay readers.



Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Ascension Chapter.

Director,

MR. C. L. S. TINGLEY.

Vice-Director,

MR. RICHARD GILPIN.

Secretary and Treasurer,

MR. HENRY KELLY.

Number of members, 12.

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the church, and leaflets containing the Order of Service at the Sunday evening service, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the church.

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St. John's Guild.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live a Godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden,

THE ASSISTANT MINISTER.

Secretary,

MR. LAWRENCE GARDINER.

Treasurer,

MR. HARRY HINDERMEYER.

Banner Bearer,

MR. DAVID PATCHELL.

Number of members, 26.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin.

OBJECT.

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the parish building on the second Tuesday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Tuesdays for work or recreation.

Superior,

MISS BARRINGTON.

Secretary,

MISS GERTRUDE MILLER.

Assistant Secretary,

MISS ESSIE SHELTON.

Treasurer,

MISS LAVINIA SMITH.

Banner Bearer,

MISS STELLA ANDERSON.

Number of members, 33.

Year Book

1899-1900



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Ascension



Broad Street Below South
Philadelphia

Officers

CLERGY

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector*.
The Rev. WM. BERNARD GILPIN, *Curate*.

WARDENS

J. EDWARD CARPENTER, *Rector's Warden*.
CHARLES E. BONNET, *Accounting Warden*.

VESTRYMEN

To serve until Easter, 1901.

SAMUEL WETHERILL
J. EDWARD CARPENTER
WILLIAM MOORE WHARTON
HARRY B. FRENCH

To serve until Easter, 1902.

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.
CHARLES E. BONNET
WM. PLATT PEPPER
CHAS. L. S. TINGLEY

To serve until Easter, 1903.

FRANCIS S. KEESE
THOMAS ROBB
JOHN D. HENDERSON
J. GIBSON MCCALL

SEXTON

WILLIAM J. MORGAN

The Choir.

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST
WALTER ST CLARE KNODLE

ASSISTANT ORGANIST
FRANK CULLIS MORLEY

DECANI

Franklin Brunt
Harry Sinexon
Misky Strong
Christian Hawkes
Eddie Ringle
John Stevenson
William Rea
John McCarthy

Boys.

Robert McNeil
Arthur Rowe
Irwin Conger
Clarence Martz
Robert Lindsay
William Kennedy
David Rea
George Morgan
George Deihl

Men.

Herbert O. Pollard	George Story
Clarence W. Sylvester	Frank Osman
Harry MacDougall	Wm. J. Jones
Chester Myers	Howard Story
Nelson B. Thayer	Thomas Inman
Edward Jones	Thomas Shelton

LIBRARIAN
GEORGE A. JACK

Services.

SUNDAYS

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
11.30 A. M.—Choral Communion.
3.00 P. M.—Children's Service.
4.00 P. M.—Choral Evensong.
7.45 P. M.—Shortened Evening Prayer and Sermon.
During the Summer Months, in place of the 4 and 7.45 P. M. Services, Twilight Service at 7.30 P. M.

HOLY DAYS

7.30 and 10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY

from October to June.

10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From Advent to Easter.

9.00 A. M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion.

From June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.

2.30 P. M.—Sunday School. 3 P. M. Bible Classes.

10.00 A. M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from November to Easter.

8.30 P. M.—Wednesday, Mothers' Meeting, November to June.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings during the Winter.

Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1900.

Baptisms—Adults	5	
Infants	21	
Total—		26
Confirmed		24
Communicants added, new	24	
Received from other parishes . .	19	
Total—		43
Died		7
Removed		28
Present number		535
Marriages		7
Burials		21
Services, Sundays	272	
Weekdays	574	
Total—		846
Average attendance, Sundays . .	312	
“ “ Weekdays	22	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion:		
Public	185	
Private	9	
Total—		194
Number of Communion made	2,387	
“ of Sermons preached . . .	220	
Children catechised (times)	70	
Number of families known to the Clergy	300	
“ individuals	403	
“ scholars in Sunday School .	110	
“ “ Bible Classes . . .	41	
“ “ Industrial School .	150	

Financial Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, (Guilds and individual contribu- tions (all being free-will offerings)	\$6,041.37
Investments	476.52
Entertainments and sales	952.75
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	\$7,470.64

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton. . . .	\$2,906.67
Music	1,785.58
Miscellaneous	1,028.32
Repairs	71.23
Convention Fund	111.91
Interest on Mortgage	570.00
Charities—	
Poor	\$354.14
Schools	213.45
Church Building	2.00
Boys' Brigade	105.50
General Missions	119.71
Domestic Missions	80.58
Foreign “	31.09
Freedmen “	7.40
Indian “	13.40
Diocesan “	191.00
Female Tract Society	9.00
Prayer Book Society	10.00
Episcopal Hospital	38.49
Sustentation Fund	34.80
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	\$7,684.27

Analysis of Offertory.

*Showing the sums in which it was received
from 1st May, 1899 to 1st May, 1900.*

2 offerings of \$150.00	\$	300.00
8 "		50.00
6 "		25.00
7 "		20.00
1 "		15.00
16 "		10.00
1 "		6.50
1 "		6.00
114 "		5.00
63 "		4.00
10 "		3.00
1 "		2.75
173 "		2.00
1 "		1.75
1 "		1.50
1,066 "		1.00
1 " . . . . .		.75
1 " . . . . .		.65
875 " . . . . .		.50
116 " . . . . .		.30
3,888 " . . . . .		.25
320 " . . . . .		.20
195 " . . . . .		.15
3,680 " . . . . .		.10
6,382 " . . . . .		.5
12,090 " . . . . .		.1
		\$5,794.45
Unclassified		246.92
		\$6,041.37

THE church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to anyone. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory, at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for various benevolent purposes, which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscription and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year: An altar book in memory of a deceased member, 56 prayer books for the congregation, box of medicine, four large photographs for the Guild room, pieces of carpet for hassocks, forty-seven volumes for Parish and Sunday School Library, and large numbers of magazines and illustrated papers, cake, coffee, tea, sugar, fruit, etc., for the Parish Tea and other festivals.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the Main School, Infant School, and male and female Bible Classes, which have met every Sunday except during three summer months, at 2.30 P. M. A picnic and regular weekly outings were provided for the scholars during the summer. The total collections of the Sunday School have been \$246.36, of which \$85 was collected by the scholars during Lent, and given to domestic and foreign missions.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for

an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the Clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$41.38.

ASCENSION CADETS.—A brigade for the young men of the Parish was organized by the Curate, and regular drills were held during the winter. Guns and accoutrements were provided for them by gifts and donations, and a camp in the summer; numbers 15.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called "*The Ascension News*" is published monthly, except in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

NEEDS OF THE PARISH.—Payment of mortgage debt, increase of the endowment, completion of the church building, enlargement of the Parish Building, marble altar, rood screen, additional stained glass windows, etc.

FORM OF BEQUEST.—I give, devise and bequeath to "the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia," _____

Women's Guild

MASTER

The REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS

All female communicants of the Parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

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Anniversary.—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter

The members of this Chapter represent the Parish in the different branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the

meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this Chapter constitute a Parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, which holds regular missionary meetings on the first Friday of every month. Mrs. Thos. Neilson being president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary, and Mrs. T. Leaming Smith, treasurer,

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions.

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)
Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin

Foreign Missions.

Miss Mary H. Carpenter
Mrs. J. Gibson McCall

Freedmen Missions.

Mrs. T. Leaming Smith
Miss Anna C. Griffith (Asso.)

Indian Missions.

Mrs. W. M. Rhein
Miss S. E. Gilpin

Diocesan Missions.

Mrs. W. F. Smith
Miss Lucy Perry

Female Prayer Book Society.

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society.

Miss Isabel Schell

REPORT

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$74.60, of which \$12 was given to the Sarah Neilson Scholarship in S. Mary's School, Dallas, Texas; \$7 for payment of the salary of a nurse, \$5 for interest on mortgage of church in California, \$1 for hospital in Oklahoma. A box containing a winter outfit was sent to the daughter of a missionary in Nebraska, valued at \$25; one to a missionary in Virginia, valued at \$20; one to a theological student at Nashotah, valued at \$18, and \$41.71 was spent in the purchase of articles for a missionary box sent to a clergyman in the diocese of North Carolina, and \$3.79 paid towards the contingent and other expenses of the Committee. The missionary box contained two suits, six pair of sheets, two pair of pantaloons, eight pillow slips, underwear, hosiery, corduroy cap, handkerchiefs, gloves, new black serge dress for the clergyman's wife, cloth coat, black skirt chintz dress, 10 yards of gingham, and sewing materials; for his boy a winter suit, two other suits, hosiery, handkerchiefs, collars, cravats, gloves, hat, and underwear; for his daughter a complete outfit for the winter, coat, two summer dresses, gloves, handkerchiefs, flannel shirts, ribbons, two hats, candies, notions, ornaments, etc. The total valued at \$115.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected \$30.80, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary: For insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in Church schools in Africa, China and Japan, and for Church work in Cuba, etc., \$13.10.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$10.60, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary, for missionary work in the South.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$13.60, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee.

Money collected, \$34. Of this, \$15 was given towards the purchase of ground for a new church in West Philadelphia. The rest was expended for church at Paoli, \$5; S. Bartholomew's, \$4.30; Seamen's Mission, \$4.30; Support of Deaconess, \$13.

Junior Auxiliary.

A class of girls was conducted during Lent by Mrs. Gibson McCall and Miss Marion Pepper. The average attendance was 15. A box containing 14 garments and 8 scrap books made by the Guild, and 26 garments donated, was sent to the "Poor Whites" in North Carolina.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$10.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$9.

United Offering.

Money collected through mite boxes, \$21.08.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the Clergy that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS

Mrs. John Mason	Miss Price
Mrs. String	Miss Graham (Asso.)
Mrs. Geo. F. Jordan	Mrs. Morrell (Asso.)

REPORT

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been

given to them by the Clergy, and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter to some 28 women, for which they were paid. Some 300 garments, pairs of shoes, hats, etc., were sold at low prices to members of the Meeting, or given away to those who could not afford to buy them. 1419 garments were made for the Foster Home, Boarding Home, Home of the Merciful Saviour, Home of the Holy Child, Hahneman Hospital, St. Michael and All Angels' Home and the Lying-in Hospital, the material being provided. 11 tons of coal were given out, 5 Thanksgiving dinners were provided for the members of the Meeting by the girls of Miss Anable's school, and 15 by the Committee. During Lent weekly suppers were given; others were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. \$50 was paid towards the admission of a member of the Parish to the House of Rest for the Aged, and \$15 for the burial of the husband of one of the members of the Meeting. Total amount expended, \$354.14.

The ladies of this Chapter gave a very successful parlor fair in aid of its work, by which they realized \$356.48.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Altar Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, Clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS

Miss Parmelee	Miss Pepper
Miss Alice Rousseau	Miss Schell
Mrs. Fenton	Miss Meagher
Miss Hewson	Miss Vogdes
Miss Barrington	Miss Johnson
Miss Seckel	Miss Hodge
Miss Hendry	Miss Hare
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Kester (Asso.)
Misses Gilpin	Miss Dickerson
Mrs. Tait	Miss Dusenberry
Miss Gertrude Miller	Miss Matilda Harper

REPORT

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

The following articles were made during the year: Work on super-frontal for the Church House, one green silk chasuble, embroidered; a white silk chasuble with stole and maniple to match, for the Curate of the Parish; three other stoles, three maniples; two amices, one corporal, one stiff pall, one baptismal napkin, one servers' cotta. They also completed the large silk embroidered banner of the Blessed Sacra-

ment, upon which they have been working for some years. It was carried in procession for the first time on Christmas day.

A fine lawn surplice was also made for the Rector and a linen one for the Curate. Amount of money received, \$21.06. Amount expended for materials, \$27.20.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee.

The Committee provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the four summer months. Two members of this Committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, one has supplied the altar bread, and another the candles.

Total amount received by this Committee during the year, \$135.54; amount expended, \$133.93.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools:

MEMBERS

Mrs. Hodge	Miss Brinton (Asso.)
Mrs. Smith	Miss Johnson (Asso.)
Miss Hodge	Mrs. G. F. Jordan
Miss Jordan	Miss Hamersley (Asso.)
Miss Schott	Miss Charlotte Hare
Miss Schock	Miss Alibone (Asso.)
Miss Ethel Steele	Miss Henny (Asso.)
(Asso.)	Miss Willing (Asso.)
Miss Huldah Steele	Miss Mildred Hodge
(Asso.)	Miss Louisa Hodge
Miss Robb	Miss Anable
Miss Wonderly (Asso.)	Miss Clark
Miss Shelton	Miss Gertrude Miller
Miss Dallas	Miss McKnight
Miss Halter (Asso.)	Miss Saurman.

REPORT

Two members of this Chapter taught a Bible Class. Fifteen have taught in the Main and Infant Sunday School, twelve in the Industrial School, one taught a class in the Sunday School of the Church of the Crucifixion, and one in the Chinese Sunday School.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Chapter

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS

Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. Barrett
Mrs. Gundaker (Asso.)	Mrs. Wharton
Mrs. Clark	Mrs. Jordan (Asso.)
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Miss Lydia Smith
Mrs. Gilpin	Mrs. T. L. Smith
Miss Hewson	Misses Epprecht
Mrs. Lafourcade.	

REPORT

Money received: Donations, \$7.59; sales, \$3.70. Total, \$11.27.

Donations of materials: 154 yards of material for Lenten work, linen for alb, and 22 yards of serge for cassocks.

Eight new cassocks and 3 cottas were made for the choir, and an alb for the cross-bearer.

This Chapter also, aided by some members of St. Mary's Guild, prepared during Lent a box for the Maternity Hospital, containing 95 pieces, valued at \$20.

Four suits of clothing were made for some children of the Parish, one surplice was made for an order, and one as a present for a missionary in the South, the material being provided.

The members of this Chapter also take charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3. P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

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 Dr. J. W. Crowley Dr. F. S. Pearce
 Mr. Henry Kelly (Asso.)

REPORT

Several positions for men and boys were secured; two medical cases and a legal case were attended to.

One member of this Chapter has paid a large number of visits to some of the poorer members of the Parish, and done a great deal to help and elevate them.

School Chapter

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS

Mr. Harry B. Hodge	Mr. D. L. Witmer
Mr. Kelly (Asso.)	Mr. Richard T. Thompson
Mr. Albert H. Eyre	son
Mr. Frank Morley	Mr. Marvin Lescure
(Asso.)	

REPORT

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Mr. W. M. Conger	Mr. Theodore Newman
Mr. H. C. Ellis	Mr. George Wharton
Mr. David Martin	Mr. Henry Kelly
Mr. John P. McCarthy	(Asso.)
Mr. William F. Strong	Mr. John C. Gaiser
Mr. Carroll Hodge	Mr. Basil Jones (Asso.)
Mr. Alexander Smith (Asso.)	

REPORT

Two members of this Chapter have sung in the choir as volunteers. Eight have acted as lay servers and cross-bearers. One had charge of the Parish Library. Two dressed the church for Christmas. One furnished the statistical items for the Year Book. Three acted as drill masters of the Boys' Brigade.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Ascension Chapter

Director,

REV. WM. BERNARD GILPIN.

Secretary and Treasurer,

MR. RICHARD GILPIN.

Number of members, 6.

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President,

ARTHUR CHALLMAN.

Secretary,

JAMES ATKINSON.

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BOYD BURLEY.

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ALBERT CHALLMAN.

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Secretary,

MISS GERTRUDE MILLER.

Treasurer,

MISS BERTHA FRISBY.

Banner Bearer,

MISS ELLA BAKER.

Number of members, 23.

YEAR BOOK 1897-98

Church
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PHILADELPHIA

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Services.

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During the Summer Months, in place of the 4 and
7.45 P.M. Services, Twilight Service at 7 P.M.

HOLY DAYS

7.30 and 10.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY

From October to June.

10.00 A.M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P.M.—Evening Prayer.
8.00 P.M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A.M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.

3.00 P.M.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
10.00 A.M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from November to Easter.
8.30 P.M.—Wednesdays, Mothers' Meeting, November to June.
The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings during the Winter.

Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1898.

Baptisms—Adults	2	
Infants	29	
Total	31	
Confirmed	20	
Communicants added, new	81	
Received from other parishes	28	
Total	59	
Died	4	
Removed	18	
Present number	521	
Marriages	9	
Burials	9	
Services, Sundays	297	
Week-days	580	
Total	827	
Average attendance, Sundays	336	
“ “ Week-days	26	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion :		
Public	176	
Private	8	
Total	184	
Number of Communions made	2,983	
“ of Sermons preached	228	
Children catechised (times)	61	
Number of families known to the Clergy	300	
“ individuals	736	
“ scholars in Sunday School	132	
“ “ Bible Classes	35	
“ “ Industrial School	125	

Financial Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, Guilds and individual contribution (all being free-will offerings)	\$ 7,007.62
Investments	405.31
Other Sources	113.10
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	\$ 7,526.03

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$ 3,040.00
Music	1,784.10
Miscellaneous	842.20
Repairs and Improvements	76.50
Convention Fund	107.26
Interest on Debt	1,261.08
Charities—	
Poor	\$ 160.38
Schools	118.71
General Missions	17.56
Domestic “	122.44
Foreign “	41.10
Freedmen “	17.00
Indian “	22.00
Diocesan “	105.10
Disabled Clergy	5.00
Female Tract Society	9.00
Prayer Book Society	10.00
Episcopal Hospital	24.42
Church Building	1.00
Sustentation Fund	40.40
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	\$ 7,805.25

Analysis of Offertory.

Showing the sums in which it was received
from 1st May, 1897, to 1st May, 1898.

1	offering of	\$500 00	..	..	..	\$	500 00
2	"	200 00	..	..	..		400 00
1	"	100 00	..	..	..		100 00
4	"	50 00	..	..	..		200 00
1	"	35 00	..	..	..		35 00
1	"	30 00	..	..	..		30 00
3	"	25 00	..	..	..		75 00
5	"	20 00	..	..	..		100 00
1	"	17 00	..	..	..		17 00
2	"	15 00	..	..	..		30 00
26	"	10 00	..	..	..		260 00
1	"	7 00	..	..	..		7 00
1	"	6 36	..	..	..		6 36
2	"	6 00	..	..	..		12 00
129	"	5 00	..	..	..		645 00
1	"	4 50	..	..	..		4 50
133	"	4 00	..	..	..		532 00
4	"	3 50	..	..	..		14 00
2	"	3 40	..	..	..		6 80
11	"	3 00	..	..	..		38 00
1	"	2 50	..	..	..		2 50
1	"	2 40	..	..	..		2 40
1	"	2 25	..	..	..		2 25
179	"	2 00	..	..	..		358 00
2	"	1 50	..	..	..		3 00
1	"	1 35	..	..	..		1 35
19	"	1 31	..	..	..		24 80
2	"	1 30	..	..	..		2 60
3	"	1 25	..	..	..		3 75
1,118	"	1 00	..	..	..		1,118 00
799	"	50	..	..	..		399 50
1	"	45	..	..	..		45
28	"	30	..	..	..		8 40
4,520	"	25	..	..	..		1,130 00
184	"	20		36 80
149	"	15		21 75
3,583	"	10		358 30
6,452	"	5		322 60
9,868	"	1		98 68

Unclassified \$6,907 58
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\$7,007 62

THE church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers made through the offertory, at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability, as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for various benevolent purposes, which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental

expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscription and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year: Two brass memorial tablets for the exterior of the church, giving hours of services, etc., 1 oak bench for side aisle, 14 oak frames for stations of the cross, walnut extension table, sideboard, bookcase and cupboard, large arm chair, 12 dozen palm leaf fans, 1 dozen small do., varnish for chairs, tables and floors of parish building; 3 brushes and 2 combs for choir room, 12 gymnasium suits and 12 pairs of gymnasium shoes, 34 bound volumes for the parish library, and large number of magazines and illustrated papers, cake, coffee, tea, sugar, fruit, etc., for the parish tea and other festivals.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school, and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday, except during two summer months, at 3.00 P. M. The total collections of the Sunday School have been \$102.62, of which \$60.92 was used for the expenses of the school, and \$41.70 was collected by the scholars during Lent, and given to domestic and foreign missions.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$22.68.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called "*The Ascension News*" is published monthly, except in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

Women's Guild.

MASTER,

The REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS.

All female communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

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Anniversary.—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter.

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or other benevolent societies. Their duties

are to attend the meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this chapter constitute a parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions and holds regular missionary meetings on the first Friday of every month. Mrs. Thos. Neilson, being president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary, and Mrs. T. Leaming Smith, treasurer. They collected in mite boxes for the United Offering Fund, \$11.28.

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions.

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)
Miss Mary Chamberlaine

Foreign Missions.

Miss Vogdes
Mrs. J. Gibson McCall (Asso.)

Freedmen Missions.

Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin
Mrs. T. Leaming Smith

Indian Missions.

Mrs. George G. Knowles
Miss S. E. Gilpin

Diocesan Missions.

Mrs. W. F. Smith
Miss Lucy Perry

Female Prayer Book Society.

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society.

Miss Isabel Schell

REPORT.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected, \$63.25, of which \$5 was given to a missionary in California and \$58.25 was spent in the purchase of articles for a missionary box sent to a clergyman in northern California.

It contained a clerical suit, two other suits, sheets, pillow slips, napkins and table cloths, pair of heavy blankets, 2 summer rugs, also underwear, hosiery, ties, cap, handkerchiefs, gloves, dresses for the clergyman's wife and four daughters, coats, wraps, an ulster, hosiery, gloves, hats, hoods, sewing materials, summer overcoat and suit of clothes for the son, work basket filled, toys, ornaments, books, a few groceries, candies, fancy soaps and a plum pudding, etc. The total valued at \$118.00.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$20.25, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary: For insurance on lives of missionaries, \$5.50; salaries of missionaries, etc., \$9.75; S. John's College, Shanghai, China, \$5.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$15.00, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary: For missionary work in the South.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$22.00, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$10.00.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$9.00.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the clergy that they may be attended to, and if needy relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS

Mrs. John Mason	Miss Price
Mrs. Wm. Jordan	Miss Grider
Miss Lloyd	Mrs. Parke
Mrs. String	Miss Graham (Asso.)
Mrs. Geo. F. Jordan	Mrs. Keese

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy, and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter to some 17 women, for which they were paid, and also materials sold at cost prices. Some 300 garments, pairs of shoes, hats, etc. were sold at low prices to members of the meeting, or given away to those who could not afford to buy them. 184 garments were made for the Pennsylvania Hospital, 58 for The Woman's Homœopathic Hospital and 72 for the Children's Hospital, 430 in all, the material being provided. 12 tons of coal were given out, 10 Thanksgiving dinners were provided for the members of the meeting by the girls of Miss Anable's school, and seven by the committee; 3 teas were given; others were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. Total amount expended, \$160.38.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Working Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the cutting out and making up of garments for missionary boxes and for the poor.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Gilpin	Mrs. W. F. Smith
Mrs. Barrett	Mrs. Morgan
Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. Wharton
Miss Anable	Miss Lloyd
Miss Schell	Miss Vogdes
	Mrs. Ladd

REPORT.

The members of this Chapter cut out and make up the material purchased by the Missionary Chapter into articles needed for the missionary boxes.

Donations of material for the work of the Chapter, or of things for missionary boxes, can be sent to the church at any time, and work is given out after 10 A. M. or 8 P. M. service on Wednesday during the winter.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS

Miss Parmelee	Mrs. Barrett
Miss Alice Rousseau	Misses Gilpin
Mrs. Hull	Miss Leiper

MEMBERS—CONTINUED.

Mrs. Fenton	Miss Schell
Miss Hewson	Miss Irwin
Miss Barrington	Miss Meagher
Miss Seckel	Miss Vogdes
Mrs. Bonsack	Miss Johnson
Mrs. Roberts	Miss Hodge
Miss Allibone (Asso.)	Miss Carpenter
Miss Lydia Smith	Miss Hare
Miss Hendry	Miss Kester (Asso.)
Mrs. Lafourcade	Miss Dickerson
Miss Matilda Harper	

REPORT.

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

The following articles were made: A cassock and fine linen alb with lace sleeves were made for the Rector, a white eucharistic stole embroidered for the Assistant Minister, a great deal of work done on a silk banner and on a chasuble for the church, and a piece of linen embroidery was executed as an order. Amount received for work, \$24..

The class meets every Thursday during the Winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee.

The Committee provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and holy days throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the

chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the four Summer months. Two members of this Committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

This Committee has also had the care of, and paid for the washing of all the vestments and altar linen of the church.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, one has supplied the altar bread, and another the candles.

Total amount expended by this Chapter during the year, \$123.35.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS. .

Misses Gilpin	Miss Brinton (Asso.)
Mrs. Smith	Miss Chase
Miss Hodge	Mrs. G. F. Jordan
Mrs. Eckert	Miss Hare
Miss Saake	Miss Vodges
Miss S. Anderson	Miss C. G. Vocum
Miss Schell	Mrs. Going
Miss B. Frisby	

MEMBERS—CONTINUED.

Mrs. Sutton (Asso.)	Miss Jordan
Mrs. Chase	Mrs. Smythe
Miss Grider	Miss Clark
Miss Alibone (Asso.)	Miss Evans (Asso.)
Miss Herzog	Miss Smith (Asso.)

REPORT.

One member of this Chapter taught a Bible class. Fifteen have taught in the Main and Infant Sunday School, twelve in the Industrial School, one taught a class in the Sunday School of the Church of the Crucifixion, and one in the Chinese Sunday School.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS.

Mrs. Carmen	Miss Lloyd
Mrs. Gundaker	Mrs. Barrett
Mrs. Clark	Mrs. Wharton
Mrs. Richard Mason	Mrs. Allen
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Mrs. Jordan
Mrs. Gilpin	Miss Lydia Smith
Miss Hewson	Mrs. T. L. Smith
Mrs. Hodge	Miss Vogdes
Misses Epprecht	Miss Chamberlaine
Miss Young	Miss Perry
Miss Rousseau	Mrs. Minshall
Miss Dickerson	Mrs. Roberts

REPORT.

Money received: donations, \$11.80; sales \$3.95. Total, \$15.75.

Donations of materials, 105 yards of muslin, and serge for a cassock.

6 new cassocks and 25 cottas were made for the choir, 12 aprons were made for orders.

This Chapter also, aided by some members of St. Mary's Guild, prepared during Lent a box for the Home for Incurables, containing 18 sheets, 40 pillow slips, 12 dresses, 12 night-dresses, 9 aprons, 3 flannel shirts, 1 chintz shirt, 1 sacque, 1 cape, 7 towels, 5 wash-cloths, a package of old linen and some reading matter, valued at \$43.00.

A small package containing 7 infant wrappers and some partly-worn clothing, valued at \$2 was sent to the Sheltering Arms.

One cassock and 3 surplices were made for missionaries, the material being provided.

The members of this Chapter also take charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.



Men's Guild.

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Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed and to report those who are

in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS.

Mr. J. Edw. Carpenter	Mr. Tingley
Mr. E. W. Greenough (Asso.)	Dr. Gustave Bonnet
Dr. Thomas R. Neilson	Dr. F. S. Pearce
Dr. J. W. Crowley	Mr. G. W. Welsh, Jr.
Mr. Henry Kelly (Asso.)	Mr. Wm. C. Mayne

REPORT.

Several positions for men and boys were secured, several medical cases were attended, and a will drawn for a woman who had given money to the church.

This Chapter also gave two smokers during the year, for the purpose of bringing the men of the parish together and interesting them in the work of the church, which were well attended.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS.

Mr. William C. Mayne	Mr. Geo. W. Welsh, Jr.
Mr. Lawrence Gardiner	Mr. D. G. Luckett
Mr. Kelly (Asso.)	Mr. Albert H. Eyre
Mr. Harry J. Childs	

REPORT.

One member of this Chapter has acted as Superintendent of the Sunday School, another as Assistant Superintendent, three have taught classes, one had charge of the library, one has acted as Secretary and one as organist for the Sunday School.

Lay Helpers' Chapter.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS.

Mr. F. C. Botwright	Mr. Wm. R. Wilson
Mr. William J. Morgan	Mr. Lawrence Gardiner
Mr. Wm. Thorn (Asso.)	Mr. Saltmarsh
Mr. Chester Martz	Mr. Ernest Waterman
Mr. W. M. Cougar	Mr. Albert H. Eyre
Mr. E. H. Dooly	Mr. Albert Dooly
Mr. Balsey (Asso.)	Mr. John Mason
Mr. H. C. Ellis	Mr. Thomas Shelton
Mr. H. W. Hindermeyer	Mr. William Perry
Mr. George Wharton	Mr. Robt. Marshall
Mr. Eddy (Asso.)	Mr. Harry J. Childs

REPORT.

Nine members of this Chapter have sung more or less regularly in the choir as volun-

teers. Six have acted as lay servers, and three as cross bearers, One had charge of the parish library, being present every Wednesday evening to give out books. Several dressed the church for Christmas. One furnished the statistical items for the year book. One played the organ at the Wednesday night service. Two have acted as lay readers.



Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Ascension Chapter.

Director,

MR. C. L. S. TINGLEY.

Vice-Director,

MR. RICHARD GILPIN.

Secretary and Treasurer,

MR. HENRY KELLY.

Number of members, 12.

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the church; they also undertook a house to house visitation of the neighborhood of the Church, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the church.

It meets in the Guild room on the second and fourth Monday of each month, and the men of the congregation generally are invited to join it.

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7.45 P.M.—Shortened Evening Prayer and Sermon.
During the Summer Months, in place of the 4 and
7.45 P.M. Services, Twilight Service at 7 P.M.

HOLY DAYS

7.30 and 10.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.

DAILY

From October to June.

10.00 A.M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P.M.—Evening Prayer.
8.00 P.M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A.M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.

2.30 P.M.—Sunday School. 3 P.M. Bible Classes.
10.00 A.M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from November to Easter.
8.30 P.M.—Wednesday, Mothers' Meeting, November to June.
The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings during the Winter.

Statistics.

FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1899.

Baptisms—Adults	5	
Infants	25	
Total	30	
Confirmed	21	
Communicants added, new	21	
Received from other parishes	23	
Total	44	
Died	6	
Removed	32	
Present number	527	
Marriages	6	
Burials	20	
Services, Sundays	292	
Week-days	555	
Total	857	
Average attendance, Sundays	276	
“ “ Week-days	21	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion:		
Public	173	
Private	5	
Total	178	
Number of Communions made	2,316	
“ of Sermons preached	208	
Children catechised (times)	64	
Number of families known to the Clergy	300	
“ individuals	756	
“ scholars in Sunday School	110	
“ “ Bible Classes	41	
“ “ Industrial School	140	

Financial Statistics.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, Guilds and individual contributions (all being free-will offerings)	\$ 6,427.04
Investments	537.14
Entertainments and Jubilee Stand	1,385.92
Legacy	11,644.59
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	\$19,944.69

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$ 3,070.41
Music	1,774.15
Miscellaneous	705.57
Repairs and Improvements	901.71
Convention Fund	107.10
Interest on Debt	1,217.90
Payment of Mortgage and Floating Debt	10,552.31
Charities—	
Poor	\$280.77
Schools	99.98
General Missions	83.29
Domestic “	62.70
Foreign “	19.40
Freedmen “	1.90
Indian “	23.40
Diocesan “	96.70
Female Tract Society	7.00
Prayer Book Society	10.00
Episcopal Hospital	19.03
Sustentation Fund	84.93
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	\$ 20,296.54

Analysis of Offertory.

*Showing the sums in which it was received
from 1st May, 1898, to 1st May, 1899.*

1 offering of \$	237 50	\$	237 50
1 "	225 00		225 00
1 "	150 00		150 00
2 "	100 00		200 00
7 "	50 00		350 00
1 "	30 00		30 00
9 "	25 00		225 00
5 "	20 00		100 00
2 "	15 00		30 00
1 "	13 75		13 75
15 "	10 00		150 00
1 "	8 00		8 00
1 "	6 75		6 75
3 "	6 00		18 00
128 "	5 00		640 00
57 "	4 00		228 00
11 "	3 00		33 00
6 "	2 50		15 00
169 "	2 00		338 00
1 "	1 50		1 50
29 "	1 31		37 99
5 "	1 25		6 25
1 "	1 15		1 15
1,001 "	1 00		1,001 00
925 "	50		463 00
105 "	30		31 50
3,918 "	25		979 50
331 "	20		66 80
220 "	15		33 00
398 "	10		39 80
5,472 "	5		273 60
8,786 "	1		87 86
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Unclassified			\$6,320 95
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			\$6,427 04

THE church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory, at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability, as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the church, weekly or monthly and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for various benevolent purposes, which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental

expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found, forms for subscription and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year: A Singer sewing machine, two Welsbach burners for the Guild-room, a new filter for the Vestry room, a memorial mother of pearl baptismal shell with silver mountings, 94 bound volumes for the parish library, 29 for the Sunday school library, and a large number of magazines and illustrated papers; cake, coffee, tea, sugar, fruit, etc., for the parish tea and other festivals.

During the Peace Jubilee a stand was erected along the street front of the church, by which \$633 was cleared above expenses. This money was used to tile all the aisles and the vestibule of the church.

By the death of Mrs Augustus Pleasonton the church came into a portion of the legacy left to it, by her daughter Miss Julia A. Pleasonton, amounting to nearly \$12,000. This was used to pay off all the floating debt of the parish and \$9,000 of the mortgage debt, and \$1,000 was set aside as a reserve fund, for use during the summer months, in which the receipts for current expenses are very small.

A handsome marble and brass memorial tablet was erected to the memory of Miss Pleasonton, on the west aisle wall of the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday, except during two summer months, at 2.30 P. M. The total collections of the Sunday School have been \$135.53, of which \$67.12 was used for the expenses of the school, and \$68.41 was collected by the scholars during Lent, and given to domestic and foreign missions

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and

knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$21.71.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called "*The Ascension News*" is published monthly, except in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

NEEDS OF THE PARISH.—Payment of mortgage debt, increase of the endowment, completion of the church building, enlargement of the Parish building, marble altar, rood screen, additional stained glass windows, etc.

FORM OF BEQUEST.—I give, devise and bequeath to "the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia,"——.

Women's Guild.

MASTER

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,
Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS

All female communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters, having charge of different departments of work. All services and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary.—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter.

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or other benevolent societies. Their duties

are to attend the meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this chapter constitute a parish branch of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions and holds regular missionary meetings on the first Friday of every month. Mrs. Thos. Neilson, being president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary, and Mrs. T. Leaming Smith, treasurer.

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions.

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)
Miss Mary Chamberlainé

Foreign Missions.

Mrs. J. Gibson McCall
Miss Mary H. Carpenter

Freedmen Missions.

Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin
Mrs. T. Leaming Smith

Indian Missions.

Mrs. George G. Knowles
Miss S. E. Gilpin

Diocesan Missions.

Mrs. W. F. Smith
Miss Lucy Perry

Female Prayer Book Society.

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society.

Miss Isabel Schell

REPORT.

Domestic Committee.

Money collected for the united offering, \$7.50, for other missionary purposes \$3.80, for missionary boxes \$57.50. Total \$62.80. One missionary box was sent to a clergyman in Nebraska.

It contained two dresses, one cashmere wrapper, underwear, hosiery, ties, wrap, muslin, millinery, a new Jaeger outfit, muslin underclothing, shoes, caps, jackets, coats, ribbons, handkerchiefs, gloves, dresses for the clergyman's wife and daughter; coat, woolen and muslin underwear, new suit, two suits not new, ties, hosiery, gloves and hat for the son; articles from druggist, towels, St. Nicholas magazine for three years, stationery, candies, water bag, books, groceries, candied fruit, fancy soaps and a plum pudding, etc. The total valued at \$125.00.

A box of second hand clothing was sent to a clergyman in Nevada, Missouri, valued at \$10.00, and a box containing an overcoat and a suit, to a theological student in Chicago, valued at \$25.00. Ten dollars in cash was also sent to the clergyman in Nebraska.

Foreign Committee.

Money collected, \$19.40, which was paid to the Women's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and for other objects.

Freedmen Committee.

Money collected, \$17.90, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary, for missionary work in the South.

Indian Committee.

Money collected, \$24.40 of which \$14.00 was given through the Indian Hope Association, for salary of nurse in Oneida Hospital, and \$9.20 for work among the Indians in Alaska.

Diocesan Committee.

Money collected, \$30.50, which was given to various missionary purposes within the Diocese.

Female Prayer Book Society.

Money collected, \$10.00.

Female Tract Society.

Money collected, \$7.00.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report to the clergy that they may be at-

tended to, and if needy relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS

Mrs. John Mason	Mrs. Geo. F. Jordan
Mrs. Wm. Jordan	Miss Price
Mrs. String	Miss Graham (Asso.)

REPORT

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy, and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter to some 23 women, for which they were paid, and also materials sold at cost prices. A large number of garments, shoes, hats; a mattress, wrapper, comfortable, pillow, etc., were sold at low prices to members of the meeting, or given away to those who could not afford to buy them. 200 garments were made for the Pennsylvania Hospital, 79 for the Woman's Homœopathic Hospital, 525 for the Foster's Home, 69 for the Boarding Home and 20 for the Lying-in Hospital; 993 in all, the material being provided. 9½ tons of coal were given to members of the meeting and 5 Thanksgiving dinners provided by the girls of Miss Anable's school, and 6 by the committee; also 10 teas; others were helped with their house rent or temporary

loans in case of necessity; 12 loaves of bread were given to members of the meeting, 8 dozen sandwiches to the ward charity organization. Total amount expended, \$280 77.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

A savings bank account was also opened for each member of the meeting.

Altar Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS

Miss Parmelee	Miss Leiper
Miss Alice Rousseau	Miss Pepper
Mrs. Hull	Miss Schell
Mrs. Fenton	Miss Meager
Miss Hewson	Miss Vodges
Miss Barrington	Miss Johnson
Miss Seckel	Miss Hodge
Miss Lydia Smith	Miss Carpenter
Miss Hendry	Miss Hare
Miss Ritter	Miss Kester (Asso.)
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Dickerson
Misses Gilpin	Miss Dusenbery
Miss Matilda Harper	

REPORT

Vestment and Embroidery Committee.

The following articles were made: A white silk stole and a maniple were made and embroidered for the Assistant Minister, and a great deal of work on a white satin banner for the church. A fine linen alb and a black silk girdle were made for the Rector. A surplice was made for sale. Amount received for work \$10.00. Amount expended for materials, \$26 53.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee.

The committee provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and holy days throughout the year, except during Lent and Advent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the four Summer months. Two members of this Committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

This committee has also had the care of, and paid for the washing of all the vestments and altar linen of the church.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, one has supplied the altar bread, and another the candles.

Total amount received for these purposes during the year, \$120.30. Total expenses \$136.30.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter.

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS

Mrs. Hodge	Miss B. Frisby
Misses Gilpin	Mrs. Jordan
Misses Hodge	Miss Jordan
Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Stewart (Asso.)
Miss Schell	Miss Schott
Miss S. Anderson	Miss Stewart (Asso.)
Miss Alibone (Asso.)	Miss Newhauser
Miss Brinton (Asso.)	Miss Henry (Asso.)
Mrs. G. F. Jordan	Miss Morris (Asso.)
Miss Hare	Miss Baird (Asso.)
Miss Vodges	Miss Foulk (Asso.)

REPORT

Two members of this Chapter taught Bible classes, ten have taught in the Main and Infant Sunday School, twelve in the Indus-

trial School, one taught a class in the Sunday School of the Church of the Crucifixion, and one in the Chinese Sunday School.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the Children of the Sunday School at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Chapter.

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS

Mrs. Carmen	Miss Parmelee
Mrs. Gundaker	Mrs. Barrett
Mrs. Clark	Mrs. Allen
Miss Hewson	Mrs. Jordan
Mrs. Hodge	Miss Lydia Smith
Miss Dickerson	Mrs. T. L. Smith
Mrs. Stewart (Asso.)	Miss Perry
Miss Stewart (Asso.)	Mrs. Tate
Miss McLoughlin	Mrs. Morgan
Miss Hodge	Miss Williams (Asso.)
Mrs. Lafourcade	

REPORT

Money received: donations, \$7.10; sales, \$2.30. Total, \$9.40.

Donations of materials, 63 yards of goods for Lenten work, serge for 2 cassocks, and linen for 8 cottas and 3 surplices.

One new cassock and 8 cottas were made for the choir, 6 garments were made for orders. One cassock and 3 surplices were made for missionaries.

This chapter also prepared, during Lent, a box for the Sheltering Arms, containing 83 garments, valued at \$18.00.

The members of this Chapter also take charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.



Men's Guild.

MASTER

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE,

Ex-Officio.

MEMBERS

All male communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Men belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All services and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

Beneficial Chapter.

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed and to report those who are

in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS

Mr. J. Edw. Carpenter	Mr. Tingley
Mr. E. W. Greenough (Asso.)	Dr. Gustave Bonnet
Dr. Thomas R. Neilson	Dr. F. S. Pearce
Dr. J. W. Crowley	Mr. G. W. Welsh, Jr.
Mr. Henry Kelly (Asso.)	Mr. Wm. C. Mayne

REPORT

Several positions for men and boys were secured, a medical case and two legal cases were attended to.

This Chapter also gave a smoker for the purpose of bringing the men of the parish together and interesting them in the work of the church, which was well attended.

School Chapter.

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS

Mr. Lawrence Gardner	Mr. Geo. W. Welsh, Jr.
Mr. Kelly (Asso.)	Mr. D. G. Luckett
Mr. Albert H. Eyre	Mr. Harry J. Childs
Mr. Hiram C. Truitt	Mr. D. L. Witmer (Asso.)

REPORT

One member of this Chapter has acted as Superintendent of the Sunday School, five have taught classes, two had charge of the library, and one has acted as organist for the Sunday School.

Lay Helpers' Chapter.

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS

Mr. William J. Morgan	Mr. Ernest Waterman
Mr. Wm. Thorn (Asso.)	Mr. Albert H. Eyre
Mr. Chester Martz	Mr. Arthur Challman
Mr. W. M. Cougar	Mr. T. N. Newman
Mr. H. C. Ellis	Mr. Macauley (Asso.)
Mr. George Wharton	Mr. Thomas Shelton
Mr. Eddy (Asso.)	Mr. Harry J. Childs
Mr. David Martin	Mr. Henry Kelly (Asso.)

REPORT

Four members of this Chapter have sung in the choir as volunteers. Eight have acted as lay servers and cross bearers. One had charge of the parish library, being present every Wednesday evening to give out books. Several dressed the church for Christmas. One furnished the statistical items for the year book. One played the organ at the Sunday School service. One has acted as lay reader.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Ascension Chapter.

Director,

REV. WM. BERNARD GILPIN.

Vice-Director,

MR. RICHARD GILPIN.

Secretary and Treasurer,

MR. HENRY KELLY.

Number of members, 10.

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the church; they also undertook a house to house visitation of the neighborhood of the Church to make a religious census, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the church.

It meets in the Guild room on the second and fourth Monday of each month, and the men of the congregation generally are invited to join it.

St. John's Guild.

OBJECT

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live a Godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the parish building on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Mondays and Thursdays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden,

REV. WM. BERNARD GILPIN.

President,

MR. DAVID PATCHELL.

Secretary,

MR. WILLIAM McCANN.

Treasurer,

MR. HARVY HINDERMEYER.

Banner Bearer,

MR. ALBERT CHALLMAN.

Number of members, 26,

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin.

OBJECT

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the parish building on the second Tuesday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Tuesdays for work or recreation.

Superior,

MRS. VAN HARLINGEN.

Secretary,

MISS LILLIE ANDERSON.

Treasurer,

MISS BERTHA FRISBY.

Banner Bearer,

MISS ELLA BAKER.

Number of members, 25.

YEAR
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1900
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Church of the Ascension

Broad Street
Below South
Philadelphia

Officers

Clergy

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M.A., *Rector*.
The Rev. WM. BERNARD GILPIN, *Curate*.

Wardens

FRANCIS S. KEESE, *Rector's Warden*.
WM. MOORE WHARTON, *Acc'ting Warden*.

Vestrymen

To serve until Easter, 1902.

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M.D.
DAVID L. WITMER
WM. PLATT PEPPER
CHAS. L. S. TINGLEY

To serve until Easter, 1903.

FRANCIS S. KEESE
THOMAS ROBB
JOHN D. HENDERSON
J. GIBSON McCALL

To serve until Easter, 1904.

*J. EDWARD CARPENTER
WM. MOORE WHARTON
HARRY B. FRENCH
JOHN HAZELHURST MASON

Sexton

WILLIAM J. MORGAN

*Deceased

The Choir

Choirmaster and Organist
WALTER ST. CLARE KNODLE

Assistant Organist
FRANK CULLIS MORLEY

Sopranos

IRWIN CONGER	WILLIAM KENNEDY
GEORGE DIEHL	CLARENCE MARTZ
JAMES GILL	GEORGE MORGAN
CARROLL HIGH	JOSEPH PATTERSON
CHRISTIAN HAWKES	DAVID REA
MATTHEW HUGHES	ARTHUR ROWE
SAMUEL HUGHES	ELMER SMITH
HARRY HURST	ARTHUR STEWART
ALBERT STUSSY	

Altos

WALLACE BROWN	ROBERT LINDSAY
FRANKLIN BRUNT	WILLIAM REA

Tenors

WM. MESSUSCHMIDT FRANK OSMAN
GEORGE STORY

Basses

FRANCIS A. FAUGHT	WILLIAM J. JONES
CHESTER F. MYERS	NELSON B. THAYER

Services

Sundays

7.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A.M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
11.30 A.M.—Choral Communion.
2.30 P.M.—Children's Service.
4.00 P.M.—Choral Evensong.
7.45 P.M.—Shortened Evening Prayer and Sermon.
During the Summer Months, in place of the 4 and
7.45 P.M. Services, Twilight Service at 7.30 P.M.

Holy Days

7.30 and 10.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.

Daily

From October to June

9.00 A.M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion.
10.00 A.M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P.M.—Evening Prayer.
8.00 P.M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and
Lecture.

From June to October

10.00 A.M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning
Prayer and Litany.

2.30 P.M.—Sunday-school. 3 P.M., Bible Classes.
10.00 A.M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from
November to Easter.
8.30 P.M.—Wednesdays, Mothers' Meeting, Novem-
ber to June.
The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings
during the Winter.

Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1901

Baptisms—Adults	3
Infants :	26
Total . —	29
Confirmed	23
Communicants added, new	23
Received from other parishes	32
Total . —	55
Died	6
Removed	46
Present number	538
Marriages	12
Burials	17
Services, Sundays	295
Week-days	610
Total . —	905
Average attendance, Sundays	276
“ “ Week-days	26
Celebrations of the Holy Communion: . .	
Public	193
Private	4
Total . —	197
Number of Communion made	2,445
“ of Sermons preached	248
Children catechised (times)	75
Number of families known to the Clergy .	310
“ individuals	763
“ scholars in Sunday-school . .	180
“ “ Bible Classes	35
“ “ Industrial School	100

Financial Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1901

RECEIPTS

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, Guilds and individual contributions (all being free-will offerings)	\$6,608 87
Investments	475 20
Sales, etc.	129 02
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	\$7,213 09

EXPENDITURES

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$2,765 00
Music	1,723 98
Miscellaneous	1,028 10
Repairs and Improvements	268 00
Convention Fund	111 91
Interest on Mortgage	551 87
Payment of Debt	500 00
Charities—	
Poor	\$301 65
Schools	128 45
Summer Outings	150 00
Domestic Missions	114 79
Foreign	26 40
Freedmen	27 40
Indian	23 40
General	82 33
Diocesan	184 27
Sustentation Fund	34 80
House of Holy Child	15 00
Female Tract Society	5 00
Prayer Book Society	12 00
Episcopal Hospital	26 27
Clergy Relief	22 50
Texas Sufferers	38 05
Christmas Fund	5 00
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Analysis of Offertory

*Showing the sums in which it was received from
1st May, 1900, to 1st May, 1901.*

1 offering of \$	400 00	\$400 00
5 "	100 00	500 00
4 "	50 00	200 00
2 "	35 00	70 00
8 "	25 00	200 00
1 "	20 00	20 00
1 "	18 75	18 75
1 "	17 07	17 67
4 "	15 00	60 00
21 "	10 00	210 00
2 "	7 00	14 00
139 "	5 00	695 00
4 "	4 00	16 00
10 "	3 50	3 50
2 "	3 00	30 00
1 "	2 50	5 00
159 "	2 25	2 25
1 "	2 00	318 00
1 "	1 75	1 75
1 "	1 25	1 25
861 "	1 00	861 00
5 "	80	4 00
2 "	75	1 50
1 "	70	70
764 "	50	382 00
20 "	40	8 00
3 "	35	1 05
112 "	30	33 60
3,971 "	25	992 75
347 "	20	69 40
310 "	15	46 50
3,421 "	10	342 10
5,851 "	5	292 55
13,173 "	1	131 73
		\$5,950 05
Unclassified		658 82
		\$6,608 87

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Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the Committees

to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this Chapter constitute a parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, which holds regular missionary meetings on the first Friday of every month, Mrs. Thomas Neilson being president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary, and Mrs. T. Leaming Smith, treasurer.

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions

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Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin

Foreign Missions

Miss Mary H. Carpenter
Mrs. J. Gibson McCall

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Diocesan Missions

Mrs. James Lafourcade
Mrs. Ashley Faught

Collector for Missionary Box

Miss Mary Chamberlaine

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Isabel Schell

REPORT

Domestic Committee

Money collected, \$99.40, of which \$44.90 was paid the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$52.50 was expended in purchase of articles for the missionary boxes. Three boxes were made up valued at \$202.66. One was sent to a clergyman in Nebraska, another to a clergyman in Illinois containing a handsome cloak, a fur collar, several waists, one a silk one, several suits of men's clothing, a clerical suit, material for two dresses, hosiery, underwear, shirts, collars, night dresses, handkerchiefs, gloves, some fine groceries, sheets, pillow cases, seven towels, tea and some Christmas dainties, including a plum pudding.

Two heavy cloth cassocks were sent to students in Nashotah, valued at \$30.

Foreign Committee

Money collected, \$20.40, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in several foreign schools.

Freedmen Committee

Money collected, \$27.50, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for missionary work in the South. Two dollars were given toward altar vessels for a colored mission.

Indian Committee

Money collected, \$23.40, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$27.40, which was paid into the Treasury of the Diocesan Committee.

Junior Auxiliary

Under the name of the "Guild of the Good Shepherd," girls over 12 and under 16 years of age, met on Saturdays at 2 P.M. during the winter to sew and work for missionaries. The Head of the Guild is Miss Marion Pepper.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$2.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$5.00.

United Offering

Money collected through mite boxes, \$10.39

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the Clergy that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS

Mrs. C. J. String
Miss E. C. Hare

Miss Graham (Asso.)
Mrs. Morrell (Asso.)

REPORT

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the Clergy, and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter to some 30 women, for

which they were paid. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, etc., were sold at low prices to members of the Meeting, or given away to those who could not afford to buy them. 785 garments were made for the Foster Home, Home of the Holy Child, Polyclinic Hospital, the Episcopal Hospital, and St. Christopher's Hospital, the material being provided. 11 tons of coal were given out, and 31 Thanksgiving dinners provided for the members of the Meeting. During Lent weekly suppers were given. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. Total amount expended, \$301.65.

The Star Savings Bank system is in successful operation among the members of the Meeting.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Altar Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, Clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS

Miss Parmelee	Mrs. Hepburn (Asso.)
Miss Alice Rousseau	Miss Means
Mrs. Fenton	Miss Pepper
Miss Hewson	Miss Schell
Miss Barrington	Miss Meagher
Miss Seckel	Miss Vogdes
Miss Hendry	Miss Johnson
Mrs. Barrett	Misses Hodge
Misses Gilp n	Miss Hare
Mrs. Tait	Miss Dickerson
Miss Alice Smith	Miss Dusenberry
Misses Epprecht	Miss Matilda Harper
Miss Nellie Wharton	Mrs. Creson (Asso.)
Mrs. Faught	Mrs. Collins (Asso.)

REPORT

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: A green silk embroidered chasuble was completed and 12 purificators, a baptismal napkin and 14 confirmation veils were made for the parish; 4 embroidered silk stoles were executed as orders, 4 made for a missionary, the material being provided. A very fine embroidered linen surplice was made for the Rector. Two surplices were made as orders. A surplice, silk stole, set of silk book markers and maniple, and an old altar service book with brass covers were presented to missionary churches in Oregon and an old Catholic church in Philadelphia. Amount of money received, \$28.00. Amount expended for materials, \$29.90.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The Committee provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the four summer months. Two did the washing of some of the fine linens of the church. Two members of this Committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, one has supplied the altar bread, and another the candles.

Total amount received by this Committee during the year, \$131.04; amount expended, \$130.25

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools:

MEMBERS

Mrs. Hodge	Miss Sinnickson
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Miss Brinton (Asso.)
Miss Hodge	Mrs. G. F. Jordan
Miss Schock	Miss Hamersley (Asso.)
Miss Sophy Steele (Asso.)	Miss Charlotte Hare
Miss Huldah Steele (Asso.)	Miss Alibone (Asso.)
Miss Shelton	Miss Henry (Asso.)
Miss Dallas	Miss Ball (Asso.)
Miss Halter (Asso.)	Miss Mildred Hodge
Miss Spence	Miss Louisa Hodge
Miss Weaver	Miss Anable
Miss Bains (Asso.)	Miss Clark
Miss Mary Eayre	Miss Gertrude Miller
Mrs. Gaiser	Miss McKnight
Miss Neilson (Asso.)	Miss Saurman
	Miss Willard

REPORT

Four members of this Chapter taught Bible classes, 17 have taught in the main and infant Sunday-schools, 12 in the Industrial school, 2 taught classes in the Sunday-school of the Church of the Crucifixion, and one in the Chinese Sunday-school.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday-school at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial school.

Ladies' Aid Chapter

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS

Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. Lafourcade
Mrs. Gundaker (Asso.)	Miss Lydia Smith
Mrs. Clark	Mrs. T. L. Smith
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Misses Epprecht
Mrs. Gilpin	Mrs. Wm. Drayton
Miss Hewson	Mrs. Wm. Morgan
Miss Clara Williamson	Mrs. Brice (Asso.)
Mrs. Barrett	Mrs. Roberts
Mrs. Wharton	Miss Gertrude Miller
Mrs. Jordan (Asso.)	Mrs. Cameron

REPORT

Money received: Donations, \$18.16; sales, \$2.40. Total, \$20.56.

Donations of material: 82 yards of material for Lenten work, 11 yards of linen for cottas and 43 yards of serge for cassocks.

Six new cassocks and 8 cottas were made for the choir. Two cottas were made for a colored Lay reader in the South. Six aprons were made as orders.

The Chapter also, aided by some members of St. Mary's Guild, made, during Lent, 200 pieces of clothing valued at \$25 which,

with three bars of soap and several dozen safety pins, were equally divided between the Willing Day Nursery and the Woman's Union Day Nursery.

The members of this Chapter also take charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P.M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.



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Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the

Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS

Mr. J. Edward Carpenter	Mr. D. L. Witmer
Dr. Thos. R. Neilson	Dr. Gustave Bonnet
Dr. J. W. Crowley	Dr. F. S. Pearce

REPORT

A number of positions for men and boys were secured and two medical cases were attended to.

One member of this Chapter has paid a large number of visits to some of the poorer members of the parish, and did a great deal to help and elevate them. A number of intemperate persons have been induced to take the pledge.

School Chapter

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS

Mr. Harry B. Hodge	Mr. D. L. Witmer
Mr. Frank Morley	Mr. Richard T. Thompson
(Asso.)	son
Mr. N. B. Thayer	Mr. Marvin Lescure
(Asso.)	Mr. John N. Gill

REPORT

Two members of this Chapter have acted as Assistant Superintendents of the Sunday-school, two have taught classes, one had charge of the library, one acted as Secretary, and two as organist for the Sunday-school.

Lay Helpers' Chapter

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS

Mr. F. C. Botwright	Mr. Ernest Waterman
Mr. William J. Morgan	Dr. F. A. Faught
Mr. Che-ter Martz	Mr. Arthur Challman
Mr. John P. McCarthy	Mr. John C. Gaiser
Mr. William F. Strong	Mr. R. C. Redmayne
Mr. H. O. Pollard	Mr. F. Brunt
Mr. John N. Gill	Mr. William Moffit
Mr. Alexander Smith (Asso.)	

REPORT

Two members of this Chapter have sung in the choir as volunteers, one has acted occasionally as a lay reader, nine have acted as lay servers and cross-bearers, one had charge of the Parish Library, two dressed the church for Christmas, one acted as drill master of the Boys' Brigade.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Ascension Chapter*Director*

THE RECTOR

Secretary and Treasurer

MR. RICHARD GILPIN

Number of members, 6.

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the church in the neighborhood of the church and in hotels, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the church.

It meets in the Guild room on the second Monday of each month, and the men of the congregation generally are invited to join it.

Junior Chapter*Director*

THE CURATE

Vice-Director

MR. JOHN N. GILL

Secretary

IRWIN CONGER

Number of members, 20.

St. John's Guild

OBJECT

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live a godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the Parish Building on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Mondays and Thursdays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden

REV. WM. BERNARD GILPIN

Governors

CHESTER MARTZ

ARTHUR CHALLMAN

R. BOYD BURLEY

JOHN N. MCCracken

WILLIAM McCANN

Secretary and Treasurer

ARTHUR CHALLMAN

Banner Bearer

JAMES ATKINSON

Number of members, 20.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin

OBJECT

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the Parish Building on the second Tuesday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Tuesdays for work or recreation.

Superior

MISS ISABEL ANABLE

Secretary

MISS GERTRUDE MILLER

Treasurer

MRS. ELLA CAMERON

Banner Bearer

MISS MAY MORELAND

Number of members, 23.

St. Alban's Guild

OBJECT

To train boys and young men to act as acolytes and servers in the services of the Church, and impress them with the sacredness and importance of their duties.

The Guild meets quarterly at the call of its Head, the Curate of the Parish.

Number of members, 6.



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*Church of the
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Officers

Clergy

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M.A., *Rector.*
The Rev. H. PAGE DYER, *Curate.*

Wardens

FRANCIS S. KEESE, *Rector's Warden.*
WM. MOORE WHARTON, *Accounting Warden.*

Vestrymen

To serve until Easter, 1903.

FRANCIS S. KEESE
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JOHN D. HENDERSON
J. GIBSON McCALL

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JOHN HAZELHURST MASON
WM. H. KING, M.D.

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WM. PLATT PEPPER
WM. C. LLOYD

Sexton

WILLIAM J. MORGAN

The Choir

Choirmaster and Organist

WALTER ST. CLARE KNODLE

Sopranos

GEORGE AMIES	ELIJAH LAWRENCE
JOSEPH AMIES	ROBERT LINDSAY
RUDOLPH ANDERSON	JOHN MCILVAINE
GEORGE DIEHL	GEORGE MORGAN
RUSSELL EBERLING	WILLIAM REA
LINFORD EDKINS	DAVID REA
WILLIAM FINLAY	JOHN STEVENSON
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CHRISTIAN HAWKES	CLARENCE ZIMMER

Altos

FRANK ALLEN	GEORGE CONGER
CLARENCE MARZ	

Tenors

JAMES MCCARRICK	FRANK OSMAN
FRANK L. SCOTT	

Basses

ALBERT CHALMAN	WM. J. JONES
FRANCIS A. FAUGHT	CHESTER F. MYERS
NELSON B. THAYER	

Services

Sunday

7.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.
 10.30 A.M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
 11.30 A.M.—Choral Communion.
 3.00 P.M.—Children's Service.
 4.00 P.M.—Choral Evensong.
 7.45 P.M.—Shortened Evening Prayer and Sermon.
 During the Summer Months, in place of the 4 and 7.45 P.M. Services, Twilight Service at 7.30 P.M.

Holy Days

7.30 and 10.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.

Daily

From October to June

9.00 A.M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion.
 10.00 A.M.—Morning Prayer.
 5.00 P.M.—Evening Prayer.
 8.00 P.M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October

10.00 A.M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.

2.30 P.M.—Sunday-school.
 3.00 P.M.—Bible Classes.
 10.00 A.M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from November to Easter.
 8.30 P.M.—Wednesdays, Mothers' Meeting, November to June.
 The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings during the Winter.

Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1902

Baptisms—Adults	8	
Infants	35	
Total.....	43	
Confirmed	41	
Communicants added, new	43	
Received from other parishes.....	23	
Total.....	66	
Died	10	
Removed	51	
Present number	543	
Marriages	17	
Burials	24	
Services, Sundays	295	
Week-days	605	
Total.....	900	
Average attendance, Sundays.....	277	
" " Week-days	26	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion :		
Public	206	
Private	4	
Total.....	210	
Number of Communions made.....	2,661	
" of Sermons preached.....	257	
Children catechised (times).....	71	
Number of families known to the		
Clergy	337	
Number of individuals	771	
" scholars in Sunday-school	165	
" " Bible Classes..	60	
" " Indus'l School	100	

Financial Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1902

RECEIPTS

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, (Guilds and individual contributions (all being free-will offerings).....	\$6,071 53
Investments	541 68
Entertainments, etc.	571 30
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	\$7,184 51

EXPENDITURES

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton.....	\$2,840 00
Music	1,640 00
Miscellaneous	1,243 99
Repairs and Improvements	225 85
Convention Fund	103 40
Interest on Mortgage	517 50
Payment of Debt	150 00
Charities—	
Poor	\$260 38
Schools	213 51
Summer Outings	199 95
Domestic Missions	95 00
Foreign	28 15
Freedmen	24 90
Indian	55 90
General	110 52
Diocesan	115 65
Sustentation Fund	36 09
Female Tract Society	5 00
Prayer Book Society.....	13 00
Episcopal Hospital	20 36
Actors' Alliance	6 00
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Analysis of Offertory

Showing the sums in which it was received
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2	offerings of	\$150 00	\$300 00
2	"	100 00	200 00
4	"	50 00	200 00
1	"	43 00	43 00
3	"	40 00	120 00
4	"	25 00	.....	100 00
1	"	20 00	.....	20 00
2	"	18 75	.....	37 50
3	"	15 00	.....	45 00
11	"	10 00	.....	110 00
2	"	9 37½	.....	18 75
1	"	9 00	.....	9 00
9	"	8 00	.....	72 00
2	"	7 00	.....	14 00
2	"	5 50	.....	11 00
137	"	5 00	.....	685 00
2	"	4 00	.....	8 00
1	"	3 50	.....	3 50
183	"	2 00	.....	366 00
1	"	1 50	.....	1 50
1	"	1 25	.....	1 25
939	"	1 00	.....	939 00
3	"	75	.....	2 25
5	"	60	.....	3 00
978	"	50	.....	489 00
10	"	40	.....	4 00
3	"	35	1 05
68	"	30	20 40
4,217	"	25	1,054 25
276	"	20	55 20
419	"	15	62 85
3,866	"	10	386 60
1	"	09	09
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Indian Missions

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Miss Charlotte W. Hare

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Mrs. Ashley Faught

Treasurer of United Offering Fund

Mrs. T. Leaming Smith

Collector for Missionary Box

Miss Mary Chamberlaine

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Isabel Schell

REPORT

Domestic Committee

Money collected, \$88, of which \$29 was paid the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$51 was expended in purchase of articles for the missionary boxes, \$8 was for the united offering. A box was made up valued at \$100. It was sent to a clergyman in West Virginia, containing several clerical suits, hosiery, underwear, shirts, collars, one pair of shoes, a woolen dress, muslin dress, overcoat, waists, lady's suit, notions, dressing sacque, ties, sewing material, brushes, combs, hot water bag, cologne, note paper, night dresses, handkerchiefs, gloves, some sheets, pillow cases, towels, fine groceries and Christmas dainties.

Foreign Committee

Money collected, \$27.15, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in several foreign schools.

Freedmen Committee

Money collected, \$24.90, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for missionary work in the South. A quantity of half-worn clothing was sent to a colored mission.

Indian Committee

Money collected, \$55.90, of which \$22.70 was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association, and the remainder expended in the purchase of things for a missionary box sent to the Rosebud Agency valued at \$97.71.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$25.65, which was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese.

Junior Auxiliary

Under the name of the "Guild of the Good Shepherd," girls over 12 and under 16 years of age, met on Saturdays at 2 P. M. during the winter to sew and work for missionaries. The Head of the Guild is Miss Marion Pepper.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$13.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$5.00.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the Clergy that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

MEMBERS

Mrs. C. J. String	Miss Graham (Asso.)
Mrs. John Mason	Mrs. Morrell (Asso.)

REPORT

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the Clergy, and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter to some 24 women, for which they were paid. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, etc., were sold at low prices to members of the Meeting, or given away to those who could not

afford to buy them. 781 garments were made for the Foster Home, Polyclinic Hospital, the Episcopal Hospital, and Woman's Hospital, the material being provided. Five tons of coal were given out, and a Thanksgiving dinner provided for 125 women and children. During Lent weekly suppers were given to the members of the Meeting. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. Total amount expended, \$260.38.

The Star Savings Bank system is in successful operation among the members of the Meeting.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Altar Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, Clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS

Miss Parmelee	Miss Clark
Miss Alice Rousseau	Miss Cresson (Asso.)
Mrs. Fenton	Miss Kester (Asso.)
Miss Hewson	Mrs. Chilitin (Asso.)
Miss Barrington	Miss Means
Miss Seckel	Miss Schell
Miss Hendry	Miss Meagher
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Johnson
Misses Gilpin	Misses Hodge
Mrs. Tait	Miss Dickerson
Misses Smith	Miss Matilda Harper
Misses Epprecht	Mrs. Collins (Asso.)
Miss Nellie Wharton	Miss Miller
Mrs. Faught	Miss Jennings

REPORT

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: A green silk embroidered chasuble and stole and maniple, two other stoles, three albs, 16 lace collars for stoles and 13 confirmation veils were made for the parish; 4 embroidered silk stoles were executed as orders. A case containing a quantity of embroidery silk and gold thread was received from the Church of S. Martin in the fields. Amount of money received, \$40.00. Amount expended for materials, \$29.68.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The Committee provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the four summer months. Two did the washing of some of the fine linens of the church. Two members of this Committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, two have supplied the altar bread, and another the candles.

A number of the members of this Committee meet regularly during the winter to polish the brasses in the choir and sanctuary.

Total amount received by this Committee during the year, \$46.29; amount expended, \$53.21.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools:

MEMBERS

Mrs. Hodge	Mrs. John Mason
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Miss Charlotte Hare
Misses Hodge	Miss Goodman
Miss Shelton	Miss Henry (Asso.)
Miss Halter (Asso.)	Misses Gilpin
Miss Spence	Miss Dodson
Miss Mary Eayre	Miss Martin
Mrs. Gaiser	Miss Albione (Asso.)
Miss M. A. L. Neilson (Asso.)	Miss Johnson
	Miss Clark
Miss Palmgren	Miss Gertrude Miller
Mrs. Harris	Miss McKnight
Mrs. Gill	Miss Saurman
Miss Wagner	Miss Stevenson
Mrs. G. F. Jordan	Miss Jennings

REPORT

Four members of this Chapter taught Bible classes, 17 have taught in the main and infant Sunday-schools, 10 in the Industrial school, 1 taught a class in the Sunday-school of the Church of the Crucifixion, and 1 in the Chinese Sunday-school.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday-school at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial school.

Ladies' Aid Chapter

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS

Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. Andrews
Mrs. Gundaker (Asso.)	Mrs. Lafourcade
Mrs. Clark	Miss Lydia Smith
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Mrs. T. L. Smith
Mrs. Gilpin	Misses Epprecht
Miss Hewson	Mrs. Wm. Morgan
Miss Clara Williamson	Mrs. Roberts
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Gertrude Miller
Mrs. Wharton	Mrs. Camern
Mrs. Jordan (Asso.)	Mrs. Marshall
Miss Perry	

REPORT

Money received: Donations, \$10.00; sales, \$1.75. Total, \$11.75.

Donations of material were made for Lenten work, 10 yards of linen for cottas and 7 yards of serge for cassocks were purchased.

Seven new cassocks and 30 cottas were made for the choir. Six aprons were made as orders.

The Chapter also, aided by some members of S. Mary's Guild, made, during Lent, 54 pieces of clothing for a mission near Frankford valued at \$20.00. They also contributed 17 pieces towards the missionary box for the

Indians, 4 for Freedmen Missions, and 6 for the Howard Hospital.

The members of this Chapter also take charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Thursday during the winter at 3 P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.



Men's Guild

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Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in

medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS

Dr. Thos. R. Neilson	Dr. Gustave Bonnet
Dr. J. W. Crowley	Dr. F. S. Pearce
Mr. D. L. Witmer	Mr. Henry B. Hodge

REPORT

A number of positions for men and boys were secured and a medical case was attended to, and legal advice given in another.

One member of this Chapter has paid regular visits to some of the poorer members of the parish.

School Chapter

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS

Mr. N. B. Thayer	Mr. Albert F. Faught
(Asso.)	Mr. D. L. Witmer
Mr. Chas. Walker (Asso.)	Mr. Marvin Lescure

REPORT

One member of this Chapter has acted as Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday-school, two have taught classes, one had charge of the library, one acted as Secretary, and one as organist for the Sunday-school.

Lay Helpers' Chapter

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS

Mr. F. C. Botwright	Mr. George Jack
Mr. William J. Morgan	Mr. Albert Challman
Mr. Chester Martz	Dr. F. A. Faught
Mr. John P. McCarthy	Mr. Arthur Challman
Mr. John N. Gill	Mr. William Moffit
Mr. George Fairchild	Mr. Alex. Smith (Asso.)
Mr. Albert Challman	Mr. Nelson B. Thayer (Asso.)

REPORT

Three members of this Chapter have sung in the choir as volunteers, one has acted occasionally as a lay reader, seven have acted as lay servers and cross-bearers, one had charge of the Parish Library, two dressed the church for Christmas, one acted as drill master of the Boys' Brigade.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Ascension Chapter

Director

THE RECTOR

Secretary and Treasurer

MR. RICHARD GILPIN

Number of members, 6.

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the church in the neighborhood of the church and in hotels, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the church.

It meets in the Guild room on the second Monday of each month, and the men of the congregation generally are invited to join it.

Junior Chapter

Director

THE CURATE

Vice-Director

MR. CHARLES WALKER

Secretary

IRWIN CONGER

Number of members, 30.

St. John's Guild

OBJECT

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live a godly and Christian life, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the Parish Building on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden

THE CURATE

Secretary and Treasurer

WILLIAM McCANN

Banner Bearer

JAMES ATKINSON

Number of members. 32.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin

OBJECT

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the Parish Building, on the second Thursday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Thursdays for work or recreation.

Superior

MISS ISABEL ANABLE

Secretary

MISS GERTRUDE MILLER

Treasurer

MRS. ELLA CAMERON

Banner Bearer

MISS EDITH STEVENSON

Number of members, 23.

Ascension Cadets

Captain

ALEXANDER SMITH

Lieutenant

GEORGE JACK

First Sergeant

ELMER CONGER

Second Sergeant

ROBERT STRONG

Color Sergeant

CLARENCE MARTZ

Corporals

IRWIN CONGER

JOHN STRONG

St. Alban's Guild

OBJECT

To train boys and young men to act as acolytes and servers in the services of the Church, and impress them with the sacredness and importance of their duties.

The Guild meets quarterly at the call of its Head, the Curate of the Parish.

Number of members, 7.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Broad St. below South, Philadelphia



YEAR BOOK

1902

1903

Officers

Clergy

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector*.

The Rev. H. PAGE DYER, *Curate*.

Wardens

FRANCIS S. KEESE, *Rector's Warden*.

WILLIAM C. LLOYD, *Accounting Warden*.

Vestrymen

To serve until Easter, 1904.

WM. MOORE WHARTON

HARRY B. FRENCH

JOHN HAZELHURST MASON

WM. H. KING, M. D.

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THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.

DAVID L. WITMER

WM. PLATT PEPPER

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J. GIBSON McCALI

RICHARD GILPIN

Sexton

WILLIAM J. MORGAN

Choir

Choirmaster and Organist
WALTER ST. CLARE KNODLE

Sopranos

RUDOLPH ANDERSON	JOHN MILLIGAN
WILLIAM FINLAY	GEORGE MORGAN
HARRY HURST	SAMUEL NEILL
GEORGE HUSSEY	EARL PARTRIDGE
ELMER KINGSMORE	DAVID REA
ELIJAH LAWRENCE	WILLIAM REA
RUSSELL LAWRENCE	JOHN STEVENSON
JOHN McILVAINE	HOWARD WOOLSEY

Altos

GEORGE DIEHL	RUSSELL HEBERLING
CHRISTIAN HAWKES	CLARENCE MARTZ
WALLACE BROWN	

Tenors

IRWIN CONGER	FRANK OSMAN
ANDREW LINDSAY	GEORGE STORY

Basses

R. AUSTIN	ALBERT CHALLMAN
CHESTER F. MYERS	NELSON B. THAYER
FRANCIS ASHLEY FAUGHT	

Services

Sundays

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
11.30 A. M.—Choral Communion.
3.00 P. M.—Children's Service.
4.00 P. M.—Choral Evensong. *October to June.*
7.45 P. M.—Shortened Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Holy Days

7.30 and 10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

Weekdays

7.00 A. M.—Tuesdays, Holy Communion.
9.00 A. M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion.
5.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer. } *October to June.*
10.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer. }
8.00 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

June to October.

10.00 A. M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.

2.30 P. M.—Sunday-school.
3.00 P. M.—Bible Classes.
10.00 A. M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from November to Easter.
8.30 P. M.—Wednesdays, Mothers' Meeting, November to June.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings during the winter.

Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1903

Baptisms—Adults	4
Infants	31

Total	35
Confirmed	25
Communicants added, new.....	17
Received from other parishes.....	24

Total	41
Died	11
Removed	26
Present number.....	545
Marriages	8
Burials	22
Services, Sundays.....	297
Week-days	632

Total	929
Average attendance, Sundays.....	290
“ “ Week-days	27
Celebrations of the Holy Communion:	
Public	216
Private	5

Total	221
Number of Communions made.....	2,718
“ of Sermons preached.....	252
Children catechised (times).....	76
Number of families known to the	
Clergy	330
Number of Individuals.....	776
“ scholars in Sunday-school	160
“ “ Bible Classes	63
“ “ Indus'l School	143

Financial Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1903

RECEIPTS

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, Guilds and individual contributions (all being free-will offerings).....	\$6,282.77
Investments	384.00
Bazaar and sales.....	2,438.81
Legacy	1,000.00
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	\$10,105.58

EXPENDITURES

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton.....	\$2,889.96
Music	1,755.65
Miscellaneous	989.62
Improvements	267.37
Convention Fund.....	152.53
Payment of debt.....	1,300.00
Interest on debt.....	532.12
Endowment	1,000.00
Charities—	
Poor	\$297.00
Schools	160.75
Church Building.....	2.00
Summer outing.....	181.92
General Missions.....	72.66
Domestic Missions.....	117.70
Foreign Missions.....	36.10
Freedmen Missions.....	24.85
Indian Missions.....	25.10
Diocesan Missions.....	152.55
Female Tract Society....	6.00
Prayer Book Society.....	11.00
Episcopal Hospital.....	19.65
Sustentation Fund.....	34.79
United offering.....	13.50
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	1,155.37
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	\$10,042.72

Analysis of Offertory

Showing the sums in which it was received
from 1st May, 1902, to 1st May, 1903.

1	offering of \$200.00	.....	\$200.00
2	"	100.00	200.00
9	"	50.00	450.00
8	"	25.00	200.00
1	"	22.00	22.00
3	"	20.00	60.00
1	"	18.75	18.75
1	"	17.00	17.00
5	"	15.00	75.00
1	"	12.45	12.45
1	"	12.00	12.00
7	"	10.00	70.00
2	"	9.37 1/2	18.75
1	"	7.00	7.00
146	"	5.00	730.00
1	"	4.00	4.00
1	"	3.50	3.50
13	"	3.00	39.00
6	"	2.50	15.00
136	"	2.00	272.00
2	"	1.50	3.00
4	"	1.25	5.00
1,024	"	1.00	1,024.00
1	"	.85	.85
1	"	.75	.75
5	"	.60	3.00
953	"	.50	476.50
26	"	.40	10.40
2	"	.35	.70
1	"	.31	.31
87	"	.30	26.10
4,394	"	.25	1,098.50
247	"	.20	49.40
374	"	.15	50.10
4,558	"	.10	455.80
5,934	"	.05	296.70
1	"	.03	.03
10,348	"	.01	103.48
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Unclassified			\$6,037.07
			245.70
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			\$6,282.77

THE church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to anyone. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshiper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshipers, made through the offertory at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight,

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for the various benevolent purposes, which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, inci-

dental expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscriptions and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year: A clerestory stained-glass window, with figure of S. Andrew, presented by the members of the S. Andrew Brotherhood Bible Class, six iron tall funeral candle sticks, a sewing machine for the ladies' work room, a clock for the Vestry, a rag carpet for Bible Class room, a bulletin board, a large prayer book for the sanctuary, several prayer books and hymnals for the church, copies of Hutchins' hymnal for the choir, a number of volumes for parish and Sunday-school libraries, and a large number of magazines and illustrated papers, cake, coffee, tea, sugar, fruit, etc., for the Parish Tea and other festivals, and

a great quantity of articles of all descriptions for the Bazaar.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday except during four summer months, at 2.30 P. M. During the summer a children's service was held every Sunday at 9.30 A. M. A picnic and a number of outings were provided for the scholars during the summer. The total collections of the Sunday-school have been \$201.63, of which \$51.82 was collected by the scholars during Lent, and given to domestic and foreign missions.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$20.

ASCENSION CADETS.—A brigade for the young men of the parish, constituting the Junior Brotherhood of S. Andrew. Regular drills were held during the winter, and a camp in the summer; numbers 30.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called *The Ascension News* is published monthly, except in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

NEEDS OF THE PARISH.—Payment of the mortgage debt of \$10,500, increase of the endowment, completion of the church building, enlargement of the parish building, marble altar, rood screen, additional stained glass windows, etc.

FORM OF BEQUEST.—I give, devise and bequeath to "the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia." —

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REPORT

Domestic Committee

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Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$11.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$6.

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Miss Eliza H. King

REPORT

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the Clergy, and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednes-

day evenings during the winter to some 23 women, for which they were paid. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, etc., were sold at low prices to members of the Meeting, or given away to those who could not afford to buy them. 309 garments were made for the Polyclinic, Orthopædic, Howard and Episcopal Hospitals, for the House of the Holy Child and S. Michael and All Angels' Home, the material being provided. Some garments, aprons, etc., were also made and sold. Seven and one-half tons of coal were given out, and a number of Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners provided for the women and families. A number of suppers were given to the members of the Meeting. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. Total amount expended, \$297.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Altar Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vest-

ments and linen of the altar, Clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

MEMBERS

Miss Parmelee	Mrs. and Miss Rosenway
Miss Alice Rousseau	Miss Thomson
Mrs. Fenton	Miss Marion Rowe
Miss Barrington	Miss Edith Kelly
Miss Seckel	Miss Thompson
Miss Hendry	Miss Kester (Asso.)
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Means
Misses Gilpin	Miss Schell
Mrs. Tait	Miss Meagher
Misses Smith	Misses Hodge
Misses Epprecht	Miss Dickerson
Miss Nellie Wharton	Miss Matilda Harper
Mrs. Faught	Miss Jennings
Miss Milne (Asso.)	Miss Jackson (Asso.)
Mrs. Lafourcade	Mrs. H. S. Hughes (Asso.)

REPORT

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: A green silk embroidered chasuble stole, maniple, chalice veil and burse were made for a mission church in Alaska, 12 stoles, 1 maniple, 19 purificators, 7 chalice palls, 4 amices and 1 corporal were made for sale. Amount of money received, \$52.49. Amount expended for materials, \$43.03.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The Committee provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the four summer months. Two did the washing of some of the fine linens of the church. Two members of this Committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, one has supplied the altar bread, and another the candles.

A number of the members of this Committee meet every two or three weeks during the winter to polish the brasses in the choir and sanctuary.

Total amount received by this Committee during the year, \$147.58; amount expended, \$125.84.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools:

MEMBERS

Mrs. W. F. Smith	Miss Pearson
Misses Hodge	Mrs. Morgan
Miss Shelton	Mrs. John Mason
Miss Spence	Miss Charlotte Hare
Miss Wilson (Asso.)	Miss Henry (Asso.)
Miss M. A. L. Neilson	Misses Gilpin
(Asso.)	Miss Trice
Miss Anderson (Asso.)	Mrs. Kofach
Miss Palmgren	Miss Alibone (Asso.)
Mrs. Stamback (Asso.)	Miss Johnson
Mrs. Harris	Miss Gertrude Miller
Miss Rheln	Miss Saurman
Miss Wagner	Miss Stevenson
Mrs. G. F. Jordan	Miss Jennings
Miss Hamersley (Asso.)	Miss Elizabeth Hawkins
Miss Williamson	Miss Alice Hawkins
	Miss Helen Sharpless (Asso.)

REPORT

Four members of this Chapter taught Bible classes, 19 have taught in the main and infant Sunday-schools, 11 in the Industrial school, 1 taught a class in the Sunday-school of the Church of the Crucifixion, and 1 in the Chinese Sunday-school.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday-school at Christmas, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial school.

Ladies' Aid Chapter

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

MEMBERS

Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. T. L. Smith
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Misses Epprecht
Mrs. Gilpin	Mrs. Wm. Morgan
Mrs. Barrett	Mrs. Roberts
Mrs. Wharton	Miss Gertrude Miller
Miss Goodman	Mrs. Cameron
Miss A. Chamberlaine	Mrs. Marshall
Miss Dickinson	Mrs. Rhein
Mrs. Andrews	Miss Perry
Mrs. Lafourcade	Miss Wharton
Miss Lydia Smith	Miss Cannan

REPORT

Money received: Donations, \$10.60.

Twenty yards of material were donated, 6 new cassocks, 1 cotta, 2 surplices and 1 alb were made for the church. One surplice, a set of altar linen and 2 baptismal outfits were made for missions.

The Chapter also, aided by some members of S. Mary's Guild, made, during Lent, 44 pieces of clothing, which, with 8 cakes of soap and 15 wash cloths, made a box valued at \$15, which was sent to the House of the Holy Child.

The members of this Chapter also take charge of the fitting and repairing of the choir cassocks and cottas.

The Chapter meets every Wednesday during the winter at 3 P. M. Ladies of the congregation are invited to join it.

It will take orders for any kind of sewing.



Men's Guild

MASTER

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE

Ex-Officio

All male communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Men belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All services and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the

Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

MEMBERS

Dr. Thos. R. Neilson	Mr. D. L. Witmer
Dr. J. W. Crowley	Dr. Gustave Bonnet
	Dr. F. S. Pearce

REPORT

A number of positions for men and boys were secured, and medical cases were attended.

One member of this Chapter has paid regular visits to some of the poorer members of the parish.

School Chapter

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

MEMBERS

Mr. William Linton	Mr. D. L. Witmer
Mr. N. B. Thayer (Asso.)	Mr. George Fairchild
Mr. Albert E. Shaw	Mr. Irwin Conger
	Mr. Chas. Walker (Asso.)

REPORT

One member of this Chapter has acted as Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday-school, two have taught classes, two have

charge of the library, two acted as secretaries, and one as organist for the Sunday-school.

Lay Helpers' Chapter

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, attendants for the sick, bearers at funerals, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

MEMBERS

Mr. F. C. Botwright	Dr. F. A. Faught
Mr. William J. Morgan	Mr. Arthur Challman
Mr. Andrew Lindsay	Mr. William Moffit
Mr. George Fairchild	Mr. Alex. Smith (Asso.)
Mr. Chas. Walker (Asso.)	Mr. Nelson B. Thayer
Mr. Irwin Conger	(Asso.)
Mr. George Jack	Mr. Robert M. Neil
Mr. Albert Challman	Mr. George Phipps

REPORT

Three members of this Chapter have sung in the choir as volunteers, one has acted occasionally as a lay reader, seven have acted as lay servers and cross-bearers, one had charge of the Parish Library, two dressed the church for Christmas, two acted as drill master of the Boys' Brigade.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Ascension Chapter

Director
THE RECTOR

Secretary and Treasurer
MR. RICHARD GILPIN

Number of members, 6.

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the church in the neighborhood of the church and in hotels, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the church.

It meets in the Guild room on the second Monday of each month, and the men of the congregation generally are invited to join it.

Junior Chapter

Director
THE CURATE

Vice-Director
MR. CHARLES WALKER

Secretary
GEORGE FAIRCHILD

Number of members, 10.

St. John's Guild

OBJECT

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live godly and Christian lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the Parish Building on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden

THE CURATE

Secretary and Treasurer

JAMES ATKINSON

Banner Bearer

JOHN McCracken

Number of members, 38.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin

OBJECT

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the Parish Building, on the second Thursday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Thursdays for work or recreation.

Superior

MISS ISABEL ANABLE

Secretary

MISS GERTRUDE MILLER

Treasurer

MRS. REYNOLDS CLARK

Banner Bearer

MISS JENNIE LINDSAY

Number of members, 22.

Ascension Cadets

Captain, NELSON B. THAYER

First Lieutenant, ROBERT McNEIL

Second Lieutenant, ROBERT STRONG

Quartermaster Sergeant, WILLIAM LINTON

First Sergeant, GEORGE FAIRCHILD

Second Sergeant, RICHARD STEVENSON

Third Sergeant, WILLIAM EDDIE

Color Sergeant, CLARENCE MARTZ

Privates, 20.

Drill every Tuesday, at 8 P. M.

Business meeting every fourth Tuesday.

St. Alban's Guild

OBJECT

To train boys and young men to act as acolytes and servers in the services of the Church, and impress them with the sacredness and importance of their duties.

The Guild meets quarterly at the call of its Head, the Curate of the Parish.

Number of members, 7.

Year Book

**Church of the
Ascension**

Broad and South Streets

» » » Philadelphia » » »



1903 - 1904

Officers

Clergy

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector*

The Rev. H. PAGE DYER, *Curate*.

Wardens

FRANCIS S. KEESE, *Rector's Warden*.

WILLIAM C. LLOYD, *Accounting Warden*.

Vestrymen

To serve until Easter, 1905.

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.

DAVID L. WITMER

WM. PLATT PEPPER

WM. C. LLOYD

To serve until Easter, 1906.

FRANCIS S. KEESE

JOHN D. HENDERSON

J. GIBSON McCALL

RICHARD GILPIN

To serve until Easter, 1907.

HARRY B. FRENCH

JOHN HAZELHURST MASON

JOHN S. NEWBOLD

GEORGE B. WARDER

Sexton

WILLIAM J. MORGAN

The Choir

Choirmaster and Organist

WALTER Sr. CLARE KNODLE, A. A. G. O.

Sopranos

RUDOLPH ANDERSON	WILLIAM REA
JOHN COOPER	DAVID REA
HARRY DREYER	HAL RENTON
FAYETTE DREYER	CHRIS. SINN
HUGH FULTON	FRED SINN
HARRY HUNTER	CLINTON SEARLES
HARRY HURST	HENRY ULLRICH
GEORGE MORGAN	WILLIAM WINTERS
SAMUEL NEILL	HOWARD WOOLSEY
EARL PARTRIDGE	ANDREW PATRICK

Altos

WILLIAM BOOZ CARL, M. DREYER

Tenors

GEORGE STORY	IRWIN CONGER
FRANK OSMAN	GEORGE CONGER
ROBERT McNEILL	

Basses

CHESTER F. MYERS	FRANCIS A. FAUGHT
ALBERT CHALLMAN	DANIEL J. KERR
RICHARD AUSTIN	NELSON B. THAYER

Services

Sunday

7.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.
 10.30 A.M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
 11.30 A.M.—Choral Communion.
 3.30 P.M.—Children's Service.
 7.45 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.
 Special musical service last Sunday evening in each month.

Holy Days

7.00 and 10.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.

Week Days

HOLY COMMUNION

7.00 A.M.—Tuesdays and Fridays.
 9.00 A.M.—Thursdays,

From October to June.

10.00 A.M.—Morning Prayer.
 5.00 P.M.—Evening Prayer.
 8.00 P.M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A.M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.

2.45 P.M.—Sunday-school.

3.00 P.M.—Bible Classes.

10.00 A.M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from November to Easter.

8.30 P.M.—Wednesdays, Mothers' Meeting, November to June.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings during the Winter.

Statistics

For the Year ending May 1, 1904

Baptisms—Adults	2
Infants	28
Total	30
Confirmed	24
Communicants added, new.....	29
Received from other parishes.....	8
Total	37
Died	3
Removed	29
Present number	550
Marriages	8
Burials	14
Services, Sundays.....	290
Week-days	689
Total	979
Average attendance, Sundays.....	328
“ “ Week-days	19
Celebrations of the Holy Communion:	
Public	268
Private	7
Total	275
Number of Communions made.....	2,501
“ of Sermons preached	264
Children catechised (times)	74
Number of families known to the	
Clergy	320
Number of individuals	774
“ scholars in Sunday-school	165
“ “ Bible Classes	55
“ “ Indus'l School	100

Financial Statistics

For the Year ending May 1, 1904

RECEIPTS

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, Guilds and individual contributions (all being free-will offerings).....	\$6,229 29
Investments	653 70
Sales, etc.	176 54
	<hr/> \$7,059 53

EXPENDITURES

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton.....	\$2,870 00
Music	1,775 00
Miscellaneous	1,179 39
Repairs and Improvements.....	132 65
Convention Fund	155 26
Interest on Mortgage	472 50
Charities—	
Poor	\$252 41
Schools	148 56
Summer Outings	49 81
Domestic Missions	84 90
Foreign Missions	69 14
Colored Missions	19 00
Indian Missions	16 40
General Missions	32 03
Diocesan Missions	128 10
Sustentation Fund	34 58
Female Tract Society.....	5 00
Prayer Book Society.....	11 00
Episcopal Hospital	26 80
United Offering	41 70
Church Building	2 00
Clergymen's Relief Society	2 00
Parish Missions	131 40
City Missions	7 00
	<hr/> \$1,061 83
	<hr/> \$7,646 63

Analysis of Offertory

Showing the sums in which it was received from
1st May, 1903, to 1st May, 1904

2	offerings of \$100.00.....	\$200.00
6	" 50.00.....	300.00
1	" 40.00.....	40.00
4	" 25.00.....	100.00
5	" 20.00.....	100.00
1	" 18.75.....	18.75
8	" 15.00.....	120.00
20	" 10.00.....	200.00
6	" 9.37 1/2.....	56.25
1	" 9.00.....	9.00
1	" 8.00.....	8.00
2	" 6.00.....	12.00
157	" 5.00.....	785.00
20	" 4.00.....	80.00
1	" 3.15.....	3.15
15	" 3.00.....	45.00
4	" 2.50.....	10.00
124	" 2.00.....	248.00
2	" 1.50.....	3.00
7	" 1.25.....	8.75
1	" 1.17.....	1.17
1,008	" 1.00.....	1,008.00
1	" .80.....	.80
4	" .75.....	3.00
995	" .50.....	497.50
6	" .40.....	2.40
3	" .35.....	1.05
124	" .30.....	37.20
4,392	" .25.....	1,098.00
315	" .20.....	63.00
288	" .15.....	43.20
3,945	" .10.....	394.50
5,281	" .05.....	214.05
1	" .02.....	.02
8,808	" .01.....	88.08

\$5,798.87

Unclassified 4,30.42

\$6,229.29

THE church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to anyone. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for various benevolent purposes, which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise an-

nounced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscriptions and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year: 25 pieces of ingrain carpet for the Sunday school, brass light and candle extinguishers for the altar, blotter for Vestry room table, large silk U. S. flag, small silk U. S. flag, 2 framed pictures for Sunday-school room, a number of volumes for Parish and Sunday-school libraries and a large number of magazines and illustrated papers, cake, coffee, tea, sugar, fruit, etc., for the Parish Tea and other festivals.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday except during four summer

months, at 2.30 P. M. During the summer a children's service was held every Sunday at 9.30 A. M. A picnic and a number of outings were provided for the scholars during the summer. The total collections of and for the Sunday School have been \$171.12, of which \$47.99 was collected by the scholars during Lent, and given to a foreign mission.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$16.95.

ASCENSION CADETS.—A brigade for the young men of the parish, constituting the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Regular drills were held during the winter, and a camp in the summer; numbers 30.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called *The Ascension News* is published monthly, except in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are

asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

NEEDS OF THE PARISH.—Payment of the mortgage debt of \$10,500, increase of the endowment, completion of the church building, enlargement of the parish building, marble altar, rood screen, additional stained glass windows, etc.

A special effort will be made during the coming year to pay off the entire indebtedness of the parish, in commemoration of the completion of the twenty-fifth year of the Rector's connection with the parish. Every one connected with or interested in the church is asked to make a special contribution for this purpose.

FORM OF BEQUEST.—I give, devise and bequeath to "the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia,"——.

Women's Guild

MASTER

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE
Ex-Officio

MEMBERS

All female communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

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Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or other benevolent societies.

Their duties are to attend the meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this Chapter constitute a parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, which holds regular missionary meetings on the first Friday of every month, Mrs. Thomas Neilson being president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary, and Mrs. T. Leaming Smith, treasurer.

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)
Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin

Foreign Missions

Mrs. T. Gibson McCall
Miss Thompson

Colored Missions

Mrs. W. M. Rheim
Miss Mary T. Truitt

Indian Missions

Miss S. E. Gilpin
Miss Charlotte W. Hare

Diocesan Missions

Mrs. James Lafourcade
Mrs. Ashley Faught

Treasurer of United Offering Fund

Mrs. Ashley Faught

Collector for Missionary Box

Miss Mary Chamberlaine

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Isabel Schell

REPORT

Domestic Committee

Money collected, \$84.90, of which \$31.40 was paid the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$53.50 was expended in purchase of articles for the missionary boxes. A box valued at \$90 was sent to a clergyman in North Carolina, containing a clerical suit, hosiery, underwear, over-shoes, shoes, dress, overcoat, notions, handkerchiefs, gloves, some sheets, pillow cases, napkins, table cloths, one mackintosh, cloth ulster, flannel wrapper, summer suit, overcoat for boy, box of fancy articles, and several good and useful things, including a fine set of furs and a grip from a friend of the family.

Another box was sent to a clergyman in Wisconsin containing a suit of clothes valued at \$20.

An overcoat valued at \$6 was sent to another clergyman in North Carolina.

Foreign Committee

Money collected, \$16.15, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in several foreign schools.

Colored Committee

Money collected, \$19.00, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for missionary work in the South.

Indian Committee

Money collected, \$16.40, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$28.10, which was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese.

United Offering

Amount collected for the year, \$41.70

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$11.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$5.00.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the Clergy that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

Members

Miss Thompson, Miss Eliza H. King.

Report.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the Clergy, and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter to some 24 women, for which they were paid. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, medicine, books, flowers, etc., were sold at low prices to members of the

Meeting, or given away to those who could not afford to buy them. Some 250 garments were made for the Polyclinic and Episcopal Hospitals, the material being provided. Eight and one-half tons of coal were given out, and a number of Thanksgivings and Christmas dinners provided for the women and their families. A number of teas and entertainments were provided to the members of the Meeting. Two picnics were given in the summer, and some young girls, children and grown people were sent to the country. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. Total amount expended, \$252.41.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

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The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, Clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

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Miss Parmelee	Mrs. Lafourcade
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Miss Seckel	Miss Schell
Miss Hendry	Miss Meagher
Mrs. Barrett	Misses Hodge
Misses Gilpin	Miss Dickerson
Mrs. Tait	Miss Matilda Harper
Misses Smith	(Asso.)
Misses Epprecht	Miss Jackson (Asso.)
Miss Milne (Asso.)	Miss Marion Pepper

Report

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: A green silk embroidered antependium and superfrontal for an altar, dossel for same, a linen alb and chasuble, four embroidered silk stoles with lace protectors were executed as orders or made for sale. Amount of money received \$151.79. Amount expended for materials, \$167.40.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The Committee provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the four summer months. Two did the washing of some of the fine linens of the church. Two members of this Committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, one has supplied the altar bread, and another the candles.

A number of the members of this Committee meet regularly during the winter to polish the brasses in the choir and sanctuary.

Total amount received by this Committee during the year, \$31.14; amount expended, \$78.14.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools:

Members

Mrs. W. F. Smith	Miss Remington (Asso.)
Misses Hodge	Miss Marion Pepper
Miss M. A. L. Neilson	Miss Dyer
	(Asso.) Miss Pearson
Miss Palmgren	Mrs. Morgan
Mrs. Harris	Mrs. John Mason
Miss Rhein	Miss Charlotte Hare
Miss Wagner	Miss Henry (Asso.)
Mrs. G. F. Jordan	Misses Gilpin
Miss Williamson	Mrs. Klofack
Miss Hoover	Miss Alibone (Asso.)
Miss Epprecht	Miss Johnson
Miss Barker	Miss Jennings
Mrs. Hughes (Asso.)	Miss Elizabeth Hawkins
Miss Clay (Asso.)	Miss Alice Hawkins
	Mrs. Farr

Report

Four members of this Chapter taught Bible classes, 20 have taught in the main and infant Sunday-schools, 12 in the Industrial school.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday-school at Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide and a picnic and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial school.

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Mrs. Clark	Miss Lydia Smith
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Mrs. T. L. Smith
Mrs. Gilpin	Misses Epprecht
Miss Dickerson	Mrs. Wm. Morgan
Mrs. Barrett	Mrs. Roberts
Mrs. Wharton	Miss Carmen
Mrs. Jordan (Asso.)	Mrs. Hughes (Asso.)
Miss Hodge	Miss Perry
Miss Truitt	Miss Mary Neilson

Report (Asso.)

Money received: Donations, \$32.45; sales, \$9.20. Total, 41.91. Expended, \$37.32.

Donations of material for work, 20 yards of cambric and 10 yards of flannel. Two surplices were made for the clergy.

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The Chapter also, aided by some members of S. Mary's Guild, made, during Lent 74 pieces of clothing for The Maternity Hospital, valued at \$20.00. They also sent a box containing 14 pieces to the Dispensary at Tenth and Fitzwater streets, valued at \$2.00.

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Mr. Irwin Conger	(Asso.)
Mr. George Jack	Mr. Robert M. Neil
Mr. George Phipps	Mr. Clarence Martz

Report

Three members of this Chapter have sung in the choir as volunteers, one has acted occasionally as a lay reader, seven have acted as lay servers and cross-bearers, one had charge of the Parish Library, two dressed the church for Christmas, one acted as drill master of the Boys' Brigade.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

ASCENSION CHAPTER

Director

THE RECTOR

Secretary and Treasurer

MR. RICHARD GILPIN

Number of members, 6.

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the church in the neighborhood of the church and in hotels, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the church.

It meets in the Guild room on the last Tuesday of each month, and the men of the congregation are generally invited to join it.

JUNIOR CHAPTER

Director

THE CURATE

Vice-Director

MR. WALTER ST. CLAIR WARDEN

Secretary

Number of members, 16.

St. John's Guild

OBJECT

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live godly and Christian lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the Parish Building on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden

THE CURATE

Secretary and Treasurer

ROBERT MCNEIL

Banner Bearer

JOHN MCCrackEN

Number of members, 30.

Junior St. John's Guild

Superior

JAMES ADAMS

Secretary and Treasurer

GEORGE MORGAN

Banner Bearer

FREDERICK ADAMS

Number of members, 12.

St. Alban's Guild

OBJECT

To train boys and young men to act as acolytes and servers in the services of the Church, and impress them with the sacredness and importance of their duties.

The Guild meets quarterly at the call of its Head, the Curate of the Parish.

Number of members, 9.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin

OBJECT

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the Parish Building, on the second Tuesday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Tuesdays for work or recreation.

Superior

MISS THOMPSON

Secretary

MISS GERTRUDE MILLER

Treasurer

MRS. REYNOLDS CLARK

Banner Bearer

MISS KATHARINE GREER

Number of members, 32.

Year Book

**Church of the
Ascension**

**Broad and South Streets
Philadelphia**



1904-1905

Officers

Clergy

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector*
The Rev. H. PAGE DYER, *Curate*.

Wardens

FRANCIS S. KEESE, *Rector's Warden*.
WILLIAM C. LLOYD, *Accounting Warden*.

Vestrymen

To serve until Easter, 1906.

FRANCIS S. KEESE
JOHN D. HENDERSON
J. GIBSON McCALL
RICHARD GILPIN

To serve until Easter, 1907.

HARRY B. FRENCH
JOHN HAZE HURST MASON
JOHN S. NEWBOLD
GEORGE B. WARDER

To serve until Easter, 1908.

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.
DAVID L. WITMER
WM. PLATT PEPPER
WM. C. LLOYD

Sexton

WILLIAM J. MORGAN

The Choir

WALTER ST. CLARE KNODLE, A. A. G. O.

Sopranos

JOHN COX	GEORGE MORGAN
A. HERCHENRIDER	SAMUEL NEILL
HARRY HUNTER	EARL PARTRIDGE
HARRY HURST	ANDREW PATRICK
GRENVILLE KERN	ROBERT PROVENCE
JAMES LOGAN	WILLIAM PROVENCE
JOHN LETTRESS	CHRIS. SINN
W. W. LETTRESS	FRED SINN
JOHN MUCKLOW	FRANK TARONI

Altos

HENRY ULLRICH CARL M. DREYER

Tenors

GEORGE STORY IRWIN CONGER
ROBERT McNEILL

Basses

CHESTER F. MYERS ARTHUR CHALLMAN
ALBERT CHALLMAN GEORGE FAIRCHILD
RICHARD AUSTIN F. C. BOTWRIGHT

Services

Sunday

7.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A.M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
11.30 A.M.—Choral Communion.
3.30 P.M.—Children's Service.
7.45 P.M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Holy Days

7.0 and 10.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.

Week Days

HOLY COMMUNION

7.00 A.M.—Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
9.00 A.M.—Thursdays.

From October to June.

10.00 A.M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P.M.—Evening Prayer.
8.00 P.M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A.M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.

2.45 P.M.—Sunday-school.

3.00 P.M.—Bible Classes.

10.00 A.M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from November to Easter.

8.30 P.M.—Wednesdays, Mothers' Meeting, November to June.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings during the Winter.

Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1905

Baptisms—Adults	8
Infants	22
Total	30
Confirmed	29
Communicants added, new	24
Received from other parishes	18
Total	43
Died	8
Removed	34
Present number	550
Marriages	7
Burials	13
Services, Sundays	61
Weeks-days	683
Total	944
Average attendance, Sundays	306
“ “ Week-days	24
Celebrations of the Holy Communion:	
Public	282
Private	10
Total	292
Number of Communions made	2346
“ of Sermons preached	212
Children catechised (times)	98
Number of families known to the	
Clergy	305
Number of individuals	786
“ scholars in Sunday-school	172
“ “ Bible Class's	63
“ “ Indus'l School	104

Financial Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1905

RECEIPTS

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, Guilds and individual contributions (all being free-will offerings).....	\$ 9,828.34
Investments	499.70
Sales	176.05
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	\$10,504.09

EXPENDITURES

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$ 2,940.00
Music	1,680.00
Miscellaneous	1,397.57
Convention Fund	156.30
Interest on Mortgage	472.50
Payment of Debt	3,500.00
Charities—	
Poor	\$260.62
Schools	100.03
Summer Outings	56.61
Domestic Missions	97.45
Foreign	50.28
Freedmen	10.70
Indian	18.75
General	25.70
Diocesan	124.05
Sustentation Fund	29.79
Female Tract Society	5.00
Prayer Book Society	10.00
Episcopal Hospital	22.66
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	\$ 820.73
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	\$11,028.53

Analysis of Offertory

Showing the sums in which it was received from
1st May, 1904, to 1st May, 1905.

offerings of \$500.00.....		\$1,000.00
1	"	250.00..... 250.00
13	"	100.00..... 1,300.00
9	"	50.00..... 450.00
1	"	40.00..... 40.00
1	"	30.00..... 30.00
19	"	25.00..... 475.00
1	"	20.55..... 20.55
7	"	20.00..... 140.00
2	"	18.75..... 37.50
11	"	15.00..... 165.00
1	"	12.00..... 12.00
49	"	10.00..... 490.00
2	"	9.37½..... 18.75
1	"	8.00..... 8.00
1	"	7.45..... 7.45
206	"	5.00..... 1,030.00
6	"	4.00..... 24.00
1	"	3.75..... 3.75
1	"	3.25..... 3.25
19	"	3.00..... 57.00
1	"	2.50..... 2.50
179	"	2.00..... 358.00
1	"	1.50..... 1.50
5	"	1.25..... 6.25
977	"	1.00..... 977.00
1	"	.80..... .80
1	"	.70..... .70
1	"	.55..... .55
1042	"	.50..... 521.00
102	"	.30..... 30.90
6	"	.40..... 2.40
1	"	.35..... .35
4 R4	"	.25..... 1,021.00
2R6	"	.20..... 57.20
338	"	.15..... 50.70
2	"	.12..... .24
4098	"	.10..... 409.80
5101	"	.05..... 255.05
7454	"	.01..... 74.54

Unclassified \$9,332.73
505.41

\$9,838.34

THE church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to anyone. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for various benevolent purposes, which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise an-

nounced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscriptions and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year: 1 dozen long wax candles for the altar, cut glass stopper for cruet, 175 pounds of candy for Christmas festival, 250 boxes for the same, barrel of toys, books, clothing, etc., 15 boxes of candy, iron bedstead and mattress, a number of volumes for Parish and Sunday School libraries and a large number of magazines and illustrated papers, cake, coffee, tea, sugar, fruit, etc., for the Parish Tea and other festivals.

A white silk altar cloth and chalice veil and burse, belonging to the church, were presented to a mission.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of

the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday except during four summer months, at 2.45 P. M., followed by a children's service at 3.30 P. M. A picnic and a number of outings were provided for the scholars during the summer. The total collections of and for the Sunday School have been \$126.74, of which \$27.92 was collected by the scholars during Lent, and given to a foreign mission.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$11.00.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called *The Ascension News* is published monthly, except in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

PAYMENT OF DEBT.—A special effort was made during the year to pay off the entire

indebtedness of the parish, in commemoration of the completion of the twenty-fifth year of the Rector's connection with the parish.

A committee, composed of men and women of the parish, was appointed, which distributed a circular issued by the Vestry, asking for contributions for the same from all the present and former members of the parish, as far as they could be found, and all interested in it. The effort has been very successful, \$8,000 being subscribed up to date: \$6,500 has been paid on account of the mortgage and \$600 on account of the floating debt. The Rector returns his sincere thanks to all who have taken part in this movement, and trusts that the remaining sum may be received during the coming winter, that the church may be finally consecrated—which cannot be done until it is out of debt—on next Ascension day.

NEEDS OF THE PARISH.—Payment of the remainder of the mortgage debt, increase of the endowment, completion of the church building, enlargement of the parish building, marble altar, rood screen, additional stained glass windows, etc.

A church situated as ours is needs a larger equipment to do its work among the poor, and should be endowed to provide for its continuance in a neighborhood from which the better classes are removing. Will

not our people help to provide for it by their gifts, or remember it in their wills?

FORM OF BEQUEST.—I give, devise and bequeath to "the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia," _____,

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Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or other benevolent societies. Their

duties are to attend the meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this Chapter constitute a parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, which holds regular missionary meetings on the first Friday of every month, Mrs. Thomas Neilson being president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary, and Mrs. Ashley Faught, treasurer.

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)

Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin

Foreign Missions

Mrs. Chandler Hare

Miss Thompson

Colored Missions

Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge

Miss Thomazine Ashbridge

Indian Missions

Miss S. E. Gilpin

Miss Charlotte W. Hare

Diocesan Missions

Mrs. James Lafourcade (Asso.)

Mrs. Ashley Faught

Treasurer of United Offering Fund

Mrs. Ashley Faught

Collector for Missionary Box

Miss Mary Chamberlaine

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Isabel Schell

Church Periodical Club

Miss Caroline Thompson

REPORT*Domestic Committee*

Money collected, \$90.95, of which \$29.95 was paid the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$61.00 was expended in purchase of articles for the missionary boxes. A box valued at \$161.00 was sent to a clergyman in Maryland, containing a clerical suit, collars, cuffs, night clothes, hosiery, heavy underwear, shoes, dress, notions, handkerchiefs, gloves, napkins, tablecloths, towels, a heavy comfortable, several tailor-made suits, hats, jackets, coats, two knitted sweaters, etc., also a surplice, stole and

altar linen provided by the Ladies' Aid and Embroidery Class.

Foreign Committee

Money collected, \$14.90, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in several foreign schools.

Colored Committee

Money collected, \$19.70, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for missionary work in the South.

Indian Committee

Money collected, \$16.75, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$24.05, which was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese.

United Offering.

Amount collected for the year, \$25.50.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$10.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$5.00.

Church Periodical Club

Number of miscellaneous magazines and church papers collected about 400. These were sent to the Cancer Hospital and Seamen's Mission, and to clergymen and others throughout the United States and one to Canada.

Persons in the parish having magazines and papers to dispose of are requested either to obtain from the Secretary, Miss Thompson, the names and addresses of persons to whom they can send them, or to send them to the church for distribution. Small yearly contributions to pay for the postage on papers sent from the church are also asked for.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the Clergy that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

Members

Miss Thompson, Miss Eliza H. King,

Report

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the Clergy, and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter, consisting of material obtained from some of the hospitals, which the women made up. Five hundred and ten pieces were made for the Episcopal and Children's Hospitals, the Western Home for Children and the Children's Aid Society. This work usually is paid for, but this year few payments were made, the members contributing toward the church debt. Nine tons of coal were given out, and a number of dinners provided for the women and their families. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, eggs, beef tea, fruit, and medicine, were given to the more needy members of the Meeting. A number of teas and entertainments were given for the members of the Meeting, also two expeditions into the country in the summer. And some young girls, children and grown people were sent on visits to the country. A small hamper of flowers was received weekly from June to October, also milk and rice from the Flower Mission. Some were helped with their house rent or

temporary loans in cases of necessity. Total amount expended, \$260.62.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Altar Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, Clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

Members

Miss Parmelee	Mrs. Lafourcade (Asso.)
Miss Alice Rousseau	Miss Miller
Mrs. Fenton	Miss Thomson
Miss Barrington	Mrs. Roberts
Miss Seckel	Miss Schell
Miss Hendry	Miss Meagher
Mrs. Barrett	Misses Hodge
Misses Gilpin	Miss Dickerson
Mrs. Tait	Miss Matilda Harper
Misses Smith	(Asso.)
Misses Epprecht	Miss Jackson (Asso.)
Miss Bidlack	Miss Peters

Report

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: A large amount of work was done on a violet chasuble for the church, also a white silk chalice veil and burse and two linen surplices and a stiff lace-covered chalice pall provided for the church. Two embroidered silk stoles were presented to a mission church. Two surplices and eleven embroidered silk stoles with lace protectors were executed as orders. Amount of money received \$127.10. Amount expended for materials, \$70.62.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The Committee provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the

four summer months. Two did the washing of some of the fine linens of the church. Two members of this committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, one has supplied the altar bread, and another the candles.

A number of the members of this Committee meet regularly during the winter to polish the brasses in the choir and sanctuary.

Total amount received by this Committee during the year, \$160.17; amount expended, \$155.20.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools:

Members

Mrs. W. F. Smith	Miss Epprecht
Misses Hodge	Miss Barker
Mrs. Tutwiler	Mrs. Hughes (Asso.)
Mrs. Hodge	Miss Walsh
Mrs. Lafourcade	Miss Milliken
(Asso.)	Miss Greer
Miss Palmgren	Miss Pearson
Miss Hoover	Mrs. John Mason

Miss Charlotte Hare	Mrs. A. E. Hurst
Miss Henry (Asso.)	Miss Johnson
Misses Gilpin	Miss Elizabeth Hawkins
	Mrs. Kiofack

Report

Four members of this Chapter taught Bible classes, 13 have taught in the main and infant Sunday Schools, 9 in the Industrial School.

One has taught in the Church of the Crucifixion.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide and a picnic and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Chapter

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

Members

Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. Andrews (Asso.)
Miss Seger (Asso.)	Mrs. Lafourcade
Miss Chamberlaine	Misses Smith
Mrs. Clark	Mrs. T. L. Smith
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Mrs. Roberts
Mrs. Gilpin	Miss Carmen
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Miss Caroline Biddle	Miss Perry
	Miss Ashbridge

Report

Money received: Donations, \$36.75; sales, \$1.00. Total, \$37.75. Expended, \$28.49.

About 100 yards of material for work was donated. Two surplices were made for the church and one for a mission.

Two new cassocks and 15 cottas were made for the choir. A cassock and surplice were made for a missionary, the material being furnished.

The Chapter also made during Lent 284 pieces of clothing for a mission in North Carolina. The box contained also a quantity of hospital supplies—vaseline, cold cream, plasters, soap, hot-water bags, etc., the whole valued at \$90.00.

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Mr. Albert Challman	Mr. Howard Woolsey
Dr. F. A. Faught	Mr. Christian Hawkes
Mr. Arthur Challman	Mr. Joseph Aimes
Mr. William Moffit	Mr. Wm. E. Linton, Jr.
Mr. Nelson B. Thayer	Mr. Russell Heberling
(Asso.)	Mr. George Morgan
Mr. Robert McNeil	

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Treasurer

MR. RICHARD GILPIN

Besides filling their obligations of endeavoring to bring men to church or Bible Class, the members of the Brotherhood have distributed cards of invitation to the church in the neighborhood and in hotels, and generally tried to make strangers welcome in the church.

It meets in the Guild room on the third Tuesday of each month, and the men of the congregation are generally invited to join it.

Number of members, 6

JUNIOR CHAPTER

Director

MR. WALTER ST. CLAIR WARDEN

Secretary

MR. GEORGE FAIRCHILD

Number of members, 11.

St. John's Guild

OBJECT

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live godly and Christian lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the Parish Building on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden

THE RECTOR

Secretary and Treasurer

ROBERT MCNEIL

Banner Bearer

JOHN MCCrackEN

Number of members, 30.

Junior St. John's Guild

Director

THE CURATE

Secretary

GEORGE MORGAN

Banner Bearer

FREDERICK ADAMS

Number of members, 32.

St. Alban's Guild

OBJECT

To train boys and young men to act as acolytes and servers in the services of the Church, and impress them with the sacredness and importance of their duties.

The Guild meets quarterly at the call of its Head, the Curate of the Parish.

Number of members, 14.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin

OBJECT

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the Parish Building, on the second Tuesday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Tuesdays for work or recreation.

Superior

MISS ELIZABETH A. ASHBURNER

Secretary

MISS ANNIE KIRKPATRICK

Treasurer

MISS AMELIA PALMGREN

Banner Bearer

MISS KATHARINE GREER

Number of members, 30.

Guild of St Agnes

For the Younger Girls

Objects

To inculcate the principles of holy living
and divine worship.

Director

THE CURATE.

Superior

MISS ANNA EPPRECHT

Assistants

MISS AMELIA PALMGREN

MISS MARY BARKER

MISS MILLIKEN

Secretary

AMELIA KLOFACH

Number of members, 25.

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1905-1906

Officers

Clergy

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector*
The Rev. H. PAGE DYER, *Curate*.

Wardens

FRANCIS S. KEESE, *Rector's Warden*.
WILLIAM C. LLOYD, *Accounting Warden*.

Vestrymen

To serve until Easter, 1907.

HARRY B. FRENCH
WM. P. HENSZLEY
JOHN S. NEWBOLD
GEORGE B. WARDER

To serve until Easter, 1908.

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.
DAVID L. WITMER
WM. PLATT PEPPER
WM. C. LLOYD

To serve until Easter, 1909.

FRANCIS S. KEESE
JOHN D. HENDERSON
J. GIBSON McCALL
RICHARD GILPIN

Sexton

WILLIAM J. MORGAN

4
The Choir

Organist and Choirmaster

WALTER ST. CLARE KNODLE, A. A. G. O.

Sopranos

JOHN COX	ALEXANDER BOGGS
A. HERCHENRIDER	SAMUEL NEILL
DANIEL JAMES	STANLEY ATKINSON
JAY SCOTT	ANDREW PATRICK
WALTER ULLRICH	ROBERT PROVENCE
LESTER PURSELL	DAVID CHAMBERS
JOHN GARRETT	JOHN INGHAM
JOHN MUCKLOW	JAMES BOGGS
FRANK TARONI	

Altos

HENRY ULLRICH CLARENCE MARTZ

Tenors

W. R. CUNNINGHAM C. L. DAMBLY
FRED W. BARRETT

Basses

GEORGE FAIRCHILD F. C. BOTWRIGHT
JOHN B. WALLACE G. E. HEINTZELMAN
EDWIN JONES NRY NZLE

5
Services

Sundays

7.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A.M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
11.30 A.M.—Choral Communion.
3.30 P.M.—Children's Service.
7.45 P.M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Holy Days

7.00 and 10.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.

Week Days

HOLY COMMUNION

7.00 A.M.—Daily—Except Thursdays
9.00 A.M.—Thursdays.

From October to June.

10.00 A.M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P.M.—Evening Prayer.
8.00 P.M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A.M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.

2.45 P.M.—Sunday-school.
3.00 P.M.—Bible Classes.
10.00 A.M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from November to Easter.
8.30 P.M.—Wednesdays, Mothers' Meeting, November to June.
The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings during the Winter.

5 Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1906

Baptisms—Adults	9	
Infants	23	
Total		32
Confirmed		23
Communicants added, new.....	21	
Received from other parishes.....	21	
Total		42
Died		4
Removed		38
Present number	550	
Marriages		8
Burials		20
Services, Sundays.....	263	
Weeks-days	707	
Total		970
Average attendance, Sundays.....		271
" " Week-days		41
Celebrations of the Holy Communion:		
Public	318	
Private	23	
Total		341
Number of Communions made.....	2,800	
" of Sermons preached	224	
Children catechised (times).....		234
Number of families known to the		
Clergy	316	
Number of individuals	767	
" scholars in Sunday-school	153	
" " Bible Classes	57	
" " Indus'l School	94	

7 Financial Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1906

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, Guilds and individual contributions (all being free-will offerings)	\$14,978 58
Investments	628 78
Sales	188 55
Total	\$15,785 91

EXPENDITURES,

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$3,000 00
Music	1,725 00
Miscellaneous	1,534 15
Convention Fund	161 41
Interest on Mortgage	872 38
Payment of Debt	7,534 12
Repairs and Improvements	1,002 06
Charities—	
Poor	\$351 80
Schools	183 92
Parochial Mission	269 57
Domestic Missions	115 55
Foreign	61 69
Colored	19 15
Indian	20 15
General	16 90
Diocesan	121 40
Sustentation Fund	85 27
Female Tract Society	6 50
Prayer Book Society	11 00
Episcopal Hospital	14 17
United Offering	29 60
Total	\$12,568 77
Balance	\$16,585 79

Analysis of Offertory

Showing the sums in which it was received from
May 1, 1905, to May 1, 1906,

1	offering of \$1,280.00	\$1,280.00
1	"	522.50
6	"	500.00
6	"	250.00
8	"	100.00
1	"	70.00
1	"	60.00
20	"	50.00
1	"	45.15
1	"	31.00
30	"	25.00
7	"	20.00
2	"	18.75
12	"	15.00
2	"	13.00
88	"	10.00
2	"	9.37 1-2
1	"	9.05
1	"	7.33
1	"	7.00
7	"	6.00
207	"	5.00
1	"	4.53
24	"	4.00
11	"	3.00
4	"	2.50
1	"	2.25
1	"	2.15
128	"	2.00
1	"	1.75
1	"	1.65
6	"	1.50
1	"	1.35
1	"	1.29
6	"	1.25
1	"	1.05
827	"	1.00
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		\$12,625.80

	Carried forward	\$12,625.80
1	"	.90
1	"	.85
1	"	.76
3	"	.75
9	"	.65
1	"	.55
705	"	.50
5	"	.40
88	"	.35
146	"	.30
3755	"	.25
258	"	.20
278	"	.15
4500	"	.10
1	"	.08
1	"	.07
6290	"	.05
3	"	.03
7905	"	.01
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		\$14,925.70
	Unclassified	54.88
		<hr/>
		\$14,978.58

THE church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to anyone. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for various benevolent purposes, which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscriptions and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year: 1 dozen long wax candles for the altar, silver ciborium and glass cruets for the altar, 2 worked worsted mats for sanctuary, large mat for vestibule of the church, a nickel plated gas stove, writing pad for vestry table, hatrack and mirror, 3 dozen palm-leaf fans, 250 minila envelopes for Sunday-school cards, several painted notices of Mission services, 100 bouquets of flowers for the children of the Sunday-school, 200 pounds of candy for Christmas festival and boxes for the same, large box of toys, books, clothing, etc., 145 volumes for Parish

and Sunday School libraries and a large number of magazines and illustrated papers, cake, coffee, tea, sugar, fruit, etc., for the Parish Tea and other festivals.

The church was decorated with palms by a former member of the church on the Rector's twenty-fifth anniversary, the tiles in aisles of the church were repaired and part of the carpentering work in improving the Parish building were done gratuitously.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday except during four summer months, at 2.45 P. M., followed by a children's service at 3.30 P. M. A picnic and a number of outings were provided for the scholars during the summer. The total collections of and for the Sunday School have been \$155.39, of which \$29.79 was collected by the scholars during Lent, and given to a foreign mission.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$15.50.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called *The Ascension News* is published monthly, except in July and August, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

PAYMENT OF DEBT AND CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH.—The most notable event in our parish history during the past year has been the extinguishment of the mortgage on our property and the consecration of the church. The entire sum of \$12,000 asked for from the congregation last year was raised, which not only paid the entire funded debt of the parish, but enabled the vestry to thoroughly repair and to improve the parish building.

The church was duly consecrated—being at last free from debt—on February 8, 1906, by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Bishop of Pittsburg and a large number of clergy, all of whom were afterwards entertained at lunch in the Parish building.

The Rector extends his most hearty thanks to each and every one in the parish who contributed towards attaining this result. And now that the church is free from debt it ought to be easier for us to support it and extend its work.

ENDOWMENT FUND.—The church being free from debt, the next thing for which we ought to work is its endowment. We need a larger income and we should provide while it is possible for the permanent maintenance of a church in this locality. Even churches containing much more wealthy parishioners than ours, such as S. Mark's, S. James' and the Holy Trinity, are all trying to accumulate endowment funds. Our free church needs one still more. Our ladies have begun to work for it by having a small Christmas sale, and we trust that all who can do so will try to swell it by gifts or bequests.

FORM OF BEQUEST.—I give, devise and bequeath to "the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia," _____.

Women's Guild

MASTER

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE
Ex-Officio

MEMBERS

All female communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All services and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its Head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or other benevolent societies. Their

duties are to attend the meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this Chapter constitute a parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, which holds regular missionary meetings on the first Friday of every month, Mrs. Thomas Neilson being president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary.

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)

Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin

Foreign Missions

Mrs. Chandler Hare

Miss Thompson

Colored Missions

Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge

Miss Thomazine Ashbridge

Indian Missions

Miss S. E. Gilpin

Miss Charlotte W. Hare

Diocesan Missions

Mrs. James Lafourcade (Asso.)

Treasurer of United Offering Fund

Collector for Missionary Box

Miss Mary Chamberlaine

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Isabel Schell

Church Periodical Club

Miss Caroline Thompson

REPORT

Domestic Committee

Money collected, \$109.05, of which \$42.55 was paid the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$65.50 was expended in the purchase of articles for the missionary boxes. A box valued at \$25.00 was sent to a clergyman in Colorado containing house linen, sheets, pillow-slips, tablecloths, napkins, towels, etc., a silk cushion, 2 comfortables, silk blanket, a ladies' coat and some useful articles. Another box was sent to a clergyman in Idaho, valued at \$75.00, containing a clerical suit, underclothing, bed spread, towels, table ware, raincoat, hat, dresses, collars

and cuffs, partly worn clothing, boy's coat, Norfolk suit, hose and shoes, writing material, magazines, etc.

Foreign Committee

Money collected, \$32.40 which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in several foreign schools.

Colored Committee

Money collected, \$19.15, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for missionary work in the South.

Indian Committee

Money collected, \$20.15, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$21.40, which was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese.

United Offering.

Amount collected for the year, \$29.60.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$11.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$6.50.

Church Periodical Club.

Number of persons sending papers regularly to a particular address, 21; money contributed for postage, \$5.50; number of miscellaneous magazines and church papers collected, over 1,000.

Persons in the parish having magazines and papers to dispose of are requested either to obtain from the Secretary, Miss Thompson, 1411 Lombard Street, the names and addresses of persons to whom they can send them, or to send them to the church for distribution. Small yearly contributions to pay for the postage on papers sent from the church are also asked for.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the Clergy that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

Members

Miss Thompson, Miss Eliza H. King.
Miss Hodge, Miss Helen H. Hodge,
Miss J. T. Monges Mrs. Rufus Smith.

Report

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the Clergy, and three of them conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter, consisting of material obtained from some of the hospitals which the women made up. Three hundred and twenty-five pieces were made for the Presbyterian and Howard Hospitals and the Children's Aid Society. Thirteen tons of coal were given out, and a number of dinners provided for the women and their families at Christmas. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, eggs, beef tea, fruit and medicine were given to the more needy members of the meeting. A number of teas and entertainments were given for the members of the Meeting during the winter; also one large picnic was given and a number of parties in the country in the summer. Twenty children and eight grown people had outings of from one to two weeks in length in the country. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary

loans in cases of necessity. Total amount expended, \$354.32.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Altar Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, Clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

Members

Miss Parmelee	Miss Bidlack
Miss Alice Rousseau	Mrs. Carson (Asso.)
Mrs. Fenton	Miss Jennings
Miss Barrington	Miss Thomson
Miss Seckel	Mrs. Roberts
Miss Hendry	Miss Schell
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Meagher
Miss Gilpin	Misses Hodge
Mrs. Tait	Miss Dickerson
Misses Smith	Miss Jackson (Asso.)
Misses Epprecht	Miss Peters

Report

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: A violet chasuble with stole and maniple to match, for the church, a set of violet coverings for the Passiontide was made, the material being presented. Two embroidered silk stoles were made for a mission church. A linen alb, chasuble and amice and an embroidered silk stole were executed as orders. Amount of money received, \$55.60. Amount expended for materials, \$40.17. Fifty dollars was contributed towards paying the church debt.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The Committee provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the

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Two of the members of this Committee meet regularly during the winter to polish the brasses in the choir and sanctuary.

Total amount received by this Committee during the year, \$163.45; amount expended, \$153.05.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools:

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Miss Palmgren	Miss Greer
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Miss Henry (Asso.)	Miss Johnson
Miss Epprecht	Miss Elizabeth Hawkins
Mrs. Klofach	Miss Violet Gratz (Asso.)
Miss Martha Pepper	Miss Bessie Jennings
Miss Brodie	Miss McKnight
Miss Clinton	Miss Mary Coates (Asso.)
Miss M. J. Gilpin	

Report

Four members of this Chapter taught Bible classes, 19 have taught in the main and infant Sunday Schools, 9 in the Industrial School.

A number acted as aids during the Mission at the children's daily service.

One serves as Superior of the Young Men's Guild, three others for St. Agnes' little girls, and another as Secretary of the Girls' Friendly Society.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide and a picnic and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Chapter

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

Members

Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. T. L. Smith
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Mrs. Roberts
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Carmen
Misses Smith	Miss Perry
Miss Vogdes	Miss Louisa Hodge
Mrs. Wm. Drayton (Asso.)	Miss M. J. Gilpin
Miss Ashbridge	Miss Andrews

Report

Money received: Donations, \$29.25; sales, 70c. Total, \$29.95. Expended, \$27.45.

About 100 yards of material for work was donated.

Two new cassocks were made for the choir. A cassock, 2 surplices and an alb were made for a missionary, the material being furnished. Sixteen yards of rag carpet were made for the guild room and 4 aprons as orders.

The Chapter also made during Lent 60 pieces of clothing, which, with some toilet articles, formed a box sent to the dispensary at Tenth and Fitzwater Streets, valued at \$15.00.

One member assisted the Rector each quarter in sending out the collection envelopes of the church and another addressed each month the copies of the Ascension News sent to the subscribers. One distributed invitations to the Mission in the neighborhood.

The Society also contributed \$5.00 towards the extinguishment of the church debt.

Men's Guild

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Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from

the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

Members

Dr. Thos. R. Neilson	Dr. Francis A. Faught
Dr. J. W. Crowley	Mr. Henry B. Hodge
Mr. D. L. Witmer	Mr. A. E. Hurst

Report

A number of positions for men and boys were secured and several medical cases were attended to, and legal advice given in two or three instances.

Two have done visiting as members of the Brotherhood of S. Andrew.

School Chapter

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

Members

Mr. Albert C. Hurst	Mr. D. L. Witmer
Mr. Chas. E. Pratt	Mr. N. B. Thayer
Mr. George Fairchild	(Asso.)

Report

One member of this Chapter has acted as Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday

School, one had charge of the library, one acted as Secretary, one taught in the Chapel of S. Simeon the Cyrenian, and one acted as organist for the Sunday School.

Lay Helpers' Chapter

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, servers, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

Members

Mr. F. C. Botwright	Mr. Samuel Moffit
Mr. William J. Morgan	Mr. Elmer Wilson
Mr. George Fairchild	Mr. Howard Woolsey
Mr. George Phipps	Mr. Christian Hawkes
Mr. Arthur Challman	Mr. Joseph Aimes
Mr. Nelson B. Thayer	Mr. Wm. E. Linton, Jr.
(Asso.)	Mr. Russell Heberling
Mr. Robert McNeil	Mr. George Morgan
Mr. Clarence Martz	Mr. A. E. Hurst
Mr. C. E. Pratt	

Report

Three members of this Chapter have sung in the choir as volunteers, one has acted as a lay reader during the summer, seventeen have acted as lay servers and cross-bearers, one had charge of the parish library, two dressed the church for Christmas.

Several distributed invitations to the Mission in the neighborhood of the church.

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Director

THE CURATE

Branch Secretary.

MISS ELIZABETH A. ASHBURNER

BRANCH OFFICERS—Senior Chapter

Chairman

MISS MAY MORELAND

Secretary

MISS IDA TRICE

Treasurer

MISS LILLIAN GILL

Junior Chapter

Chairman

MISS ROSINE FRANK

Secretary

MISS ANNA GRAHAM

Treasurer

MISS AMELIA KLOFACK

Banner Bearer

MISS KATHARINE GREER

Number of members, 30.

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For the Younger Girls.

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Superior

MISS ANNA EPPRECHT

Assistants

MISS AMELIA PALMGREN

MISS MILLIKEN

MISS BRODIE

Helpers

GERTRUDE MONAHAN

EDNA CARRIGAN

EMILY STEWART

Number of members, 33.

Year Book

**Church of the
Ascension**

Broad and South Streets

Philadelphia



1906-1907

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The Rev. H. PAGE DYER, *Curate*.

Wardens

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To serve untill Easter, 1908

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ALBERT RITSERT	MARION CORNELIUS
HARRY RITSERT	CHARLES CORNELIUS
WILLIAM BOGGS	JOHN HAYMAN
JAMES BOGGS	LOUIS KING
JOHN GARRETT	DAVID CHAMBERS
JOHN MUCKLOW	WILLIAM BOGGS
FRANK TARONI	WILLIAM LETTRESS
LOUIS STEMMELOTH	

Altos

RICHARD MEARS

Tenors

ROBERT McNEIL WESLEY KEIFER
WILLIAM MESSERSCHMIDT

Basses

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CHESTER F. MYERS ALBERT CHALLMAN

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Holy Days

7.00 and 10.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.

Week Days

HOLY COMMUNION

7.00 A.M.—Daily—Except Thursdays
9.00 A.M.—Thursdays.

From October to June.

10.00 A.M.—Morning Prayer.
5.00 P.M.—Evening Prayer.
8.00 P.M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

From June to October.

10.00 A.M.—Wednesdays and Fridays, Morning Prayer and Litany.

2.45 P.M.—Sunday-school.

3.00 P.M.—Bible Classes.

10.00 A.M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from November to Easter.

8.30 P.M.—Wednesdays, Mothers' Meeting, November to June.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings during the Winter.

Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1907

Baptisms—Adults	7
Infants	30
Total	37
Confirmed	24
Communicants added, new.....	29
Received from other parishes.....	18
Total	42
Died	7
Removed	52
Present number	583
Marriages	8
Burials	17
Services, Sundays.....	264
Weeks-days	1136
Total	1400
Average attendance, Sundays.....	316
" " Weeks-days	25
Celebrations of the Holy Communion:	
Public	450
Private	21
Total	471
Number of Communions made.....	2605
" of Sermons preached	210
Children catechised (times).....	234
Number of families known to the	
Clergy	306
Number of individuals	764
" scholars in Sunday-school	145
" " Bible Classes	43
" " Indus'l School	56

Financial Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1907

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, Guilds and Individual contributions (all being free-will offerings)	\$8,776 92
Investments	474 00
Sales	384 42
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	\$7,635 34

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries—Clergy and Sexton	\$3,000 00
Music	1,652 51
Miscellaneous	1,236 88
Convention Fund	160 22
Endowment Fund	235 98
Charities—	
Poor	\$488 35
Schools	180 10
Domestic Missions	138 94
Foreign	40 27
Colored	16 21
Indian	15 97
General	18 60
Dioecesan	116 21
Sustentation Fund	34 76
Female Tract Society	6 50
Prayer Book Society	11 00
Episcopal Hospital	31 26
United Offering	30 34
Clergy Relief	2 00
Bishop Whitaker Memorial	6 55
California Sufferers	14 75
Men's Thank Offering	538 00
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	\$1,689 81
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	\$7,975 40

THE church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to anyone. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give according to his ability as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute towards the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in no wise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for various benevolent purposes, which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscriptions and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year: 1 dozen long wax candles for the altar, 2 boxes of small ones for ditto, one long gilt framed mirror, one long mirror in walnut frame, one small mirror, carpet for floor of choir stalls and clergy vestry, wall clock for choir room, piece of oil-cloth and door-mat, large leather marginal Bible, Altar service book, pulpit and choir stall Bibles rebound, musical hymnal and psalter for organ desk, 60 pictures for industrial school prizes, some cooking and kitchen utensils, box of silver polish, 11 volumes for parish and Sunday-

school library and 30 magazines with plates of St. Louis Exposition and International Studio, christmas cards for Sunday school, provisions for the poor at thanksgiving and christmas, also toys and a large number of magazines and church papers. The rector and vestry of St. Mark's presented the parish with the handsome carved wooden Rood screen which had stood in that church for many years. It was taken down, enlarged and re-erected at the cost of some \$300, which was provided for by special subscriptions and by the proceeds of a garden party held in the grounds of the Barton house, N. W. corner of Broad and South streets, by some members of the congregation.

In November, 1906, a small fair was held in the parish building, for the increase of the endowment fund; it netted \$230.

It is proposed to hold another fair in the same place this year on December 12th and 13th, for the purpose of meeting a deficit in our current expenses. All in the congregation are asked to assist in it.

By action of the vestry all the real-estate of the parish has been conveyed to the trustees of the diocese, in order to provide against the possibility of encumbrance or alienations in the future, and the endowment fund has been placed in the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on lives and granting annuities in order to secure its principal

from any possible encroachments for the payment of debts or for current expenses.

The parish has met with a great loss during the year in the deaths of Mr. William Platt Pepper and Mr. Francis Suydam Kese, both of whom had been vestrymen for many years, were deeply interested in its welfare and were liberal contributors towards its support.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday except during four summer months, at 2.45 P. M., followed by a children's service at 3.30 P. M. A picnic and a number of outings were provided for the scholars during the summer. The total collections of and for the Sunday School have been \$192.50, of which \$42.65 was collected by the scholars during Lent, and given to a mission in the south.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday from November to Easter for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books. Money expenses, \$18.20.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called *The Ascension News* is published monthly, except in July, August and September, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

ENDOWMENT FUND.—It is very much to be desired that this fund which is now only about \$10,000 should be greatly increased. The church needs an enlarged income, which can only be secured, and its future permanently provided for in this way. The offerings on Ascension Day are by order of the vestry hereafter to be devoted to this purpose. It is hoped that all who can do so will try to swell this fund by gifts or bequests.

FORM OF BEQUEST.—I give, devise and bequeath to "the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia," _____.

Womens' Guild

MASTER

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE
Ex-Officio

MEMBERS

All female communicants of the parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All services and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its Head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—Festival of S. Simon and S. Jude.

Missionary Chapter

The members of this Chapter represent the parish in the different branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or other benevolent societies. Their

duties are to attend the meetings of the Committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this Chapter constitute a parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, which holds regular missionary meetings on the first Friday of every month, Mrs. Thomas Neilson being president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary.

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)

Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin

Foreign Missions

Mrs. Chandler Hare

Colored Missions

Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge

Miss Thomazine Ashbridge

Indian Missions

Miss S. E. Gilpin

Miss Charlotte W. Hare

Diocesan Missions

Mrs. James Lafourcade (Asso.)

Treasurer of United Offering Fund

Mrs. M. F. Roberts

Missionary Box Committee

Miss Mary Chamberlaine

Mrs. T. Leaning Smith

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Isabel Schell

Church Periodical Club

Miss S. Elizabeth Gilpin

REPORT

Domestic Committee

Money collected, \$90.29, of which \$34.14 was paid the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$56.15 was expended in the purchase of articles for the missionary boxes. A box valued at \$75.00 was sent to a clergyman in South Dakota containing house linen and sheets, 4 pillow slips, tablecloth, 15 pairs of socks, underwear, wrapper, handkerchiefs, down quilt, 1 doz. towels, a ladies' and boys' coat and some useful articles. Another box was sent to a missionary clergyman, valued at \$30.00.

Foreign Committee

Money collected, \$12.63 which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in several foreign schools.

Colored Committee

Money collected, \$16.21, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for missionary work in the South.

Indian Committee

Money collected, \$15.97, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$16.21, which was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese.

United Offering.

Amount collected for the year, \$30.34.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$11.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected \$6.50.

Church Periodical Club

Number of persons sending papers regularly to a particular address, 17; money contributed for postage, \$4.60; number of miscellaneous magazines and church papers collected, 1250.

Persons in the parish having magazines and papers to dispose of are requested either to obtain from the Secretary, Miss S. E. Gilpin, 904 Clinton Street, the names and addresses of persons to whom they can send them, or to send them to the church for distribution. Small yearly contributions to pay for the postage on papers sent from the church are also asked for.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the Clergy that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

Members

Miss Thompson
Mrs. Hodge

Miss Eliza H. King
Miss Helen H. Hodge

Report

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the Clergy, and three of them conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter, consisting of material obtained from some of the hospitals which the women made up. Six hundred and fifteen pieces were made. Twenty-two and a half tons of coal were given out. Christmas and Easter entertainments were given to the members, their friends and children, also a monthly supper. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, eggs, beef tea, fruit and medicine were given to the more needy members of the meeting; also a pic-nic in the summer. Twenty-seven children and eight grown people had outings of from one to two weeks in length in the country. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. Total amount expended, \$488.35.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Altar Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, Clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

Members

Miss Parmelee	Miss Bidlack
Miss Alice Rousseau	Miss Jennings
Mrs. Fenton	Miss Thomson
Miss Barrington	Mrs. Roberts
Miss Seckel	Miss Schell
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Meagher
Miss M. J. Gilpin	Misses Hodge
Mrs. Tait	Miss Dickerson
Misses Smith	Miss Peters
Misses Epprecht	Miss Moitz
Miss Brodie	

*Report**Vestment and Embroidery Committee*

The following articles were made during the year: a eucharist stole and maniple, embroidered, 2 burse, an embroidered credence cover, a fair linen cover for the altar and 16 lavabo napkins. Two embroidered silk stoles were made for a mission church. Two superfrontals were made and embroidered for an altar, 2 stoles, 1 burse and 2 surplices were executed as orders. Amount of

money received, \$50.00. Amount expended for materials, \$48.58.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The Committee provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the four summer months. Two did the washing of some of the fine linens of the church. Two members of this committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, one has supplied the altar bread, and another the altar candles.

Two of the members of this committee meet regularly during the winter to

polish the brasses in the choir and sanctuary.

Total amount received by this Committee during the year, \$140.49, amount expended, \$138 70.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools:

Members

Miss Palmgren	Miss Pearson
Miss Walsh	Mrs. Herman, (Asso.)
Mrs. Harris	Miss Thompson
Miss -tretch, (Asso.)	Miss Johnson
Miss Martha Pepper	Miss Elizabeth Hawkins
Miss Brodie	Miss Violet Gratz (Asso.)
Miss Clinton	Miss Mary Coates (Asso.)
Miss M. J. Gilpin	Miss Hare
Miss Milliken	

Report

Three members of this Chapter taught Bible classes, 13 have taught in the main and infant Sunday Schools, 9 in the Industrial School.

One serves as Superior of the Young Men's Guild, three others for St. Agnes' little girls.

The members of this Chapter prepared

a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Chapter

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

Members

Mrs. Carmen	Miss Perry
Mrs. W. F. Smith	Miss Louisa Hodge
Mrs. Barrett	Mrs. Gilpin
Miss Lydia Smith	Mrs. Andrews
Miss Ashbridge	Mrs. Hare
Mrs. T. L. Smith	Mrs. Wharton
Miss Roberts	Miss Chamberlaine
Miss Carmen	Mrs. Pugh, (Asso.)
Miss Hare	

Report

Money received: Donations, \$32.95; sales \$2.52. Total, \$35.47. Expended, \$31.72.

About 70 yards of material for work was donated.

Two new cassocks and ten cottas, an alb for the clergy were made for the choir. A cassock, surplice and a cincture were made

for a missionary, and a cotta for a lay reader, the material being furnished.

The Chapter also made during Lent 60 pieces of clothing, which, with some stockings, towels and toilet articles, formed a box sent to the House of the Holy Child in West Philadelphia, valued at \$35.00.

One member assisted the Rector each quarter in sending out the collection envelopes of the church and another addressed each month the copies of the Ascension News sent to the subscribers.

Men's Guild

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Ex-Officio.

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Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master; to obtain, if possible, situations

for the unemployed and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

Members

Dr. Thos. R. Neilson
Dr. J. W. Crowley
Mr. D. L. Witmer

Mr. Henry B. Hodge
Mr. A. E. Hurst

Report

A number of positions for men and boys were secured and several medical cases were attended to, and legal advice given in two or three instances. All the legal work connected with the transfer of the church property to the trustees of this diocese and the Pennsylvania Co., was done gratuitously by a member of this chapter.

Two have been visiting as members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

School Chapter

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial School's.

Members

Mr. Albert C. Hurst	Mr. D. L. Witmer
Mr. George Fairchild	Mr. F. C. Botwright

Report

One member of this Chapter has acted as Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School, one had charge of the library, one acted as Secretary, one taught in the Chapel of S. Simeon the Cyrenian, and acted as organist for the Sunday School.

Lay Helpers' Chapter

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, servers, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

Members

Mr. F. C. Botwright	Mr. Clarence Martz
Mr. William J. Morgan	Mr. Elmer Wilson
Mr. George Fairchild	Mr. Howard Woolsey
Mr. George Phipps	Mr. Christian Hawkes
Mr. Arthur Challman	Mr. George Morgan
Mr. Robert McNeil	Mr. William Moffit
Mr. Clarence Zimmer	Mr. Harry Hurst
Mr. P. F. Albinger	Mr. Harry Ulrich, (Asso.)
Mr. Daniel James	Mr. W. C. Cathers, (Asso.)
Mr. A. E. Hurst	

Report

Three members of this Chapter have sung in the choir as volunteers, one has acted as a lay reader during the summer, fifteen have acted as lay servers and cross bearers, one had charge of the parish library, two dressed the church for Christmas.

St. John's Guild

OBJECT

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live godly and Christian lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the Parish Building on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden

THE CURATE.

Secretary

MR. GEORGE FAIRCHILD.

Treasurer

WILLIAM E. LINTON, JR.

Banner Bearer

WILLIAM MOFFIT

Number of members, 15.

Junior St. John's Guild

Director

THE CURATE

Gymnastic Trainer

MR. CLARENCE MARTZ

Banner Bearer

SAMUEL NRII,

Number of members, 28.

St. Alban's Guild

OBJECT

To train boys and young men to act as acolytes and servers in the services of the Church, and impress them with the sacredness and importance of their duties.

The Guild meets quarterly at the call of its Head, the Curate of the Parish.

Number of members, 51,

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin

Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society

OBJECT

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the Parish Building, on the second Tuesday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Tuesdays for work or recreation.

Director

THE RECTOR

Branch Secretary

MISS CHARLOTTE W. HARE

Associates

MISS BRODIE

MISS MCKNIGHT

MISS AMY PETERS

MISS PEARSON

Treasurer

MISS MCKNIGHT

Banner Bearer

MISS HATTIE GREER

Number of members, 21; probationers, 8

Guild of St. Agnes For the Younger Girls

Objects

To inculcate the principles of holy living and divine worship.

Director

THE CURATE

Superior

MISS BESSIE JENNINGS

Assistants

MISS PALMGREN

MRS. HERMAN

MISS STRETCH

Number of members, 26.

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LOUIS KING	THOMAS MCCLAY
THOMAS COOK	CHARLES CORNELIUS
SAMUEL GRUBB	HARVEY MCCALL
GEO. ANDERSON	GEORGE WILSON
ELMER HEATH	JOHN DELANEY
JOHN BLACK	

Altos

RICHARD MEARS	JAMES BOGGS
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Tenors

WM. MESSERSCHMIDT	WESLEY KIEFER
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Basses

GEO. FAIRCHILD	CHESTER F. MYERS
ALBERT CHALLMAN	

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7.00 A.M.—Daily—except Thursdays.
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The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings during the Winter.

Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1908

Baptisms—Adults	6	
Infants	21	
Total	27	
Confirmed	26	
Communicants added, new.....	27	
Received from other parishes.....	16	
Total	43	
Died	15	
Removed	43	
Present number	524	
Marriages	6	
Burials	22	
Services, Sundays.....	246	
Weeks-days	973	
Total	1219	
Average attendance, Sundays.....	316	
" " Week-days	24	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion:		
Public	453	
Private	24	
Total	482	
Number of Communions made.....	2742	
" of Sermons preached	249	
Children catechised (times).....	242	
Number of families known to the		
Clergy	300	
Number of individuals	700	
" scholars in Sunday-school	141	
" " Bible Classes	47	
" " Indus'l School	75	

Financial Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1908

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, Guilds and Individual contributions (all being free-will offerings)	\$5,862 05
Legacy	5,000 00
Investments	537 51
Sales and entertainments	502 20
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	\$11,901 76

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Clergy and Sexton	\$3,000 00
Music	1,590 50
Improvements	290 00
Miscellaneous	1,378 62
Convention Fund	169 39
Endowment Fund	2,057 62
Payment of Debt	1,000 00
Charities—	
Poor	\$452 80
Schools	129 88
Domestic Missions	183 85
Foreign	16 20
Colored	21 45
Indian	19 20
General	54 58
Diocesan	21 95
Sustentation Fund	30 28
Female Tract Society	5 00
Prayer Book Society	11 00
Episcopal Hospital	16 15
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Indian Committee

Money collected, \$19.20, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$21.95, which was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese.

United Offering.

Amount collected for the year, \$30.60.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$11.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$5.00.

Church Periodical Club

Number of persons sending papers regularly to a particular address, 17; money contributed for postage, \$1.00; number of miscellaneous magazines and church papers collected, about 800.

Persons in the parish having magazines and papers to dispose of are requested either to obtain from the Secretary, Miss S. E. Gilpin, 904 Clinton Street, the names and addresses of persons to whom they can send them, or to send them to the church for distribution. Small yearly contributions to pay for the postage on papers sent from the church are also asked for.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the Clergy that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

Members

Mrs. Hodge	Mrs. Combs
Miss Helen H. Hodge	Miss E. C. Wharton
Mrs. Struthers	Miss Small (Asso.)
Miss May Hodge	

Report

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the Clergy, and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter, consisting of material obtained from some of the hospitals, which the women made up. Three hundred and thirteen pieces were made. Sixteen tons of coal were given out. Christmas dinners were provided for 18 families. Thanksgiving and Easter entertainments were given to the members, their friends and children, consisting of music, recitations

and a supper. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, eggs, beef tea, fruit and medicine were given to the more needy members of the meeting; also a picnic in the summer. Twenty-four children and grown people had outings of from one to two weeks in length in the country. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. Total amount expended, \$432 80.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Altar Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, Clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

Members

Miss Parmelee	Miss Bidlack
Miss Alice Rousseau	Miss Jennings
Mrs. Fenton	Mrs. Roberts
Miss Barrington	Miss Schell
Miss Pritchard (Asso.)	Miss Meagher

Miss Barrett	Misses Hodge
Miss M. J. Gilpin	Miss Dickerson
Mrs. Tait	Miss Peters
Misses Smith	Miss Moitz
Misses Epprecht	Mrs. Dupuy (Asso.)
Miss Brodie	

Report

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: a stole, a chalice veil, 3 corporals, an amice, 2 burseres, 3 purificators and 2 lavabo napkins and 2 markers. The funeral pall of the church was relined and repaired, special subscriptions having been made for the purpose. Two stoles were made and embroidered as orders. A donation of a set of white satin orfrays for a chasuble was received. Amount of money received from sales, \$25. Donations for pall, \$24. Total, \$49. Amount expended for materials, \$77.68.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The Committee provided two bouquets for the altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Ad-

vent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the four summer months. Two did the washing of some of the fine linens of the church. Two members of this committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, another supplied the altar candles, S. Agnes and S. John's Junior Guilds the altar bread.

Two of the members of this committee meet regularly, during the winter to polish the brasses in the choir and sanctuary.

Total amount received by this Committee during the year, \$138.44; amount expended, \$148.28.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

Members

Miss Palmgren	Miss Bessie Jennings
Miss Walsh	Mrs. Hermann, Asso.
Mrs. Harris	Miss Laura Maas, Asso.
Miss Stretch, Asso.	Miss Edith Kelly
Miss Martha Pepper	Misses Hodge
Miss Clinton	Mrs. Bethel, Asso.
Miss M. J. Gilpin	Mrs. Combs
Miss. Struthers	Mrs. Caroline Biddle
Miss Beatrice Howell,	Miss Johnson
Asso.	Miss Eliz. Hawkins
Mrs. Hodge	Miss Violet Gratz,
	Asso.

Report

Three members of this Chapter taught Bible classes, 12 have taught in the main and infant Sunday Schools, and 11 in the Industrial School.

One serves as Superior of the Young Men's Guild and four others for S. Agnes' Guild for Little Girls.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, Easter and Whittide and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Society

The members of this Chapter do sewing fancy work in order to assist in the

support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

Members

Mrs. Carmen	Mrs. Gilpin
Mrs. Barrett	Mrs. Andrews
Miss Lydia Smith	Mrs. Hare
Mrs. T. L. Smith	Miss Chamberlaine
Miss Roberts	Mrs. Pugh (Asso.)
Miss Carmen	Mrs. John Mason
Mrs. Hodge	Mrs. Martin (Asso.)
Miss Perry	Miss Caroline Biddle
Miss Louisa Hodge	Miss Clara Williamson

Report

Money received: Donations and sales, \$15.20 Expended, \$20.05.

A number of yards of material for work was donated.

A surplice was made for the church and a cassock for a missionary clergyman, the material for this being provided by the Aid. The cassocks and cottas of the choir were also kept in repair.

The Chapter also made during Lent all the garments in the missionary box sent to North Carolina, which was valued at \$50.00.

One member assisted the Rector each quarter in sending out the collection envelopes of the church and another addressed each month the copies of the Ascension News sent to the subscribers.

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Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

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who are in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

Members

Dr. Thos. R. Neilson Mr. Henry B. Hodge
Dr. J. W. Crowley Mr. A. E. Hirst
Mr. D. L. Whitmer Dr. George M. Coates
Dr. Francis Jacobs (Asso.)

Report

A number of positions for men and boys were secured and several medical cases were attended to, and legal advice given in two or three instances.

Two have done some visiting as members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

School Chapter

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial School's.

Members

Mr. C. F. Botwright Mr. George Fairchild
Mr. D. L. Whitmer

Report

One member of this Chapter has acted as Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School, one had charge of the library, one acted as Secretary, one taught in the Chapel of S. Simeon the Cyrenian.

Lay Helpers' Chapter

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, servers, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

Members

Mr. Wm. J. Morgan Mr. Elmer Wilson
Mr. George Fairchild Mr. Christian Hawkes
Mr. Arthur Challman Mr. George Morgan
Mr. Clarence Zimmer Mr. Wm. Moffit
Mr. P. F. Alburger Mr. Harry Hurst
Mr. Stanley Atkinson Mr. H. Ulrich (Asso.)
Mr. Thomas McClay Mr. Samuel Hughes
Mr. Clarence Martz Mr. Alex. Boggs
Mr. W. C. Cathers (Asso.)

Report

One member of this Chapter sang in the choir as volunteer, fifteen have acted as lay servers and cross bearers, one had charge of the parish library, two dressed the church for Christmas, and one painted a sign for the vestibule of the church.

St. John's Guild

OBJECT

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live godly and Christian lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the Parish Building on the first Monday of each month; except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden

THE CURATE

Secretary

MR. GEORGE FAIRCHILD

Treasurer

MR. JOHN M. STRONG

Banner Bearer

MR. WILLIAM MOFFIT

Number of members, 17.

Junior St. John's Guild

Director

THE CURATE

Gymnastic Trainer

MR. CLARENCE MARTZ

Banner Bearer

SAMUEL NEIL

Number of members, 31

St. Alban's Guild

To train boys and young men to act as acolytes and servers in the services of the Church, and impress them with the sacredness and importance of their duties.

The Guild meets at the call of its Head, the Curate of the Parish.

Number of members, 12.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin

Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society

OBJECT

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the Parish Building, on the second Tuesday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Tuesdays for work or recreation.

Director

THE RECTOR

Branch Secretary

MISS ELLEN C. WHARTON

Associates

MISS BRODIE

MISS MCKNIGHT

MISS PEARSON

Treasurer

MISS MCKNIGHT

Banner Bearer

MISS HATTIE GREER

Number of members, 18 ; probationers, 3.

Guild of St. Agnes

For the Younger Girls

OBJECTS

To inculcate the principles of holy living and divine worship.

Director

THE CURATE

Superior

MISS BESSIE JENNINGS

Assistants

MISS PALMGREN

MRS. HERMAN (Asso.)

MISS STRETCH (Asso.)

Number of members, 40.

YEAR BOOK

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To serve until Easter, 1910

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The Choir

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Sopranos

Alexander Boggs	William Boggs
Harry Ritsert	Louis King
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Samuel Grub	Stanley Atkinson
Charles Black	Fred. Blichford
Charles Fuller	Samuel Baile
Geo. Anderson	Nelson Price
Albert Ritsert	Robert Moore

Altos

James Boggs	Barton Huntingto n
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Tenors

Wm. Messerschmidt	Otto Schabb
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Basses

Chester F. Myers	George Fairchilds
Albert Challman	B. R. Parker

Services

Sundays

- 7.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.
 10.30 A.M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
 11.30 A.M.—Choral Communion.
 3.30 P.M.—Children's Service.
 7.45 P.M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Holy Days

- 7.00 and 10.30 A.M.—Holy Communion.

Week-Days

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 8.00 P.M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.
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- 2.45 P.M.—Sunday-school.
 3.00 P.M.—Bible Classes.
 10.00 A.M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from November to Easter.
 8.30 P.M.—Wednesdays, Mothers' Meeting, November to June.
 The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings during the Winter.

Financial Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1909

Total	32
Confirmed	29
Communicants added, new.....	29
Received from other parishes.....	19

Total	48
Died	11
Removed	37
Present number	524
Marriages	6
Burials	17
Services, Sundays	246
Weeks-days	973

Total	1219
Average attendance, Sundays.....	324
Week-days.....	23
Celebrations of the Holy Communion:	
Public	433
Private	31

Total	467
Number of Communions made.....	2302
" of Sermons preached	258
Children catechised (times).....	212
Number of families known to the Clergy	300
Number of individuals	700
" scholars in Sunday-school	146
" " Bible Classes	42
" " Indus'l School	65

EXPENDITURES.

Through the Offertory, Aims Chests Guilds and Individual contributions (all being free-will offerings)	\$6,698 04
Legacy	100 00
Investments	521 56
Reviewing stand and entertainments	1,438 05
Balance on hand, May 1, 1908.	1,532 89

Salaries of Clergy and Sexton	\$3,000 00
Music	1,557 25
Improvements	1,300 00
Miscellaneous	1,321 05
Convention Fund	167 76
Endowment Fund	1,137 74
Charities—	
Poor	\$418 10
School's	257 58
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Foreign "	21 25
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A missionary box was sent to the Oneida mission in Wisconsin of which Rev. Wm. Thorn, who was formerly a Curate in this Parish, is in charge, containing 61 garments for children, 20 pairs of stockings and 19 partly warm garments, all valued at \$60.00.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$23.50, which was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese.

United Offering.

Amount collected for the year, \$15.10.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$9.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$4.00.

Church Periodical Club

Number of persons sending paper regularly to a particular address, 9, money contributed for postage, \$1.00, number of miscellaneous magazines and church papers collected, about 800.

Persons in the parish having magazines and papers to dispose of are requested either to obtain from the Secretary, Miss S. E. Gilpin, 904 Clinton St., the names and addresses of the persons to whom they can send them, or to send them to the church for distribution. Small yearly contributions to pay for the postage on papers sent from the church are also asked for.

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Miss A. Young	Miss Small (Asso.)
Mrs. Hare	Miss C. W. Hare
Miss Graham, (Asso.)	

Report

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the Clergy, and conducted a weekly Mother's Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter, consisting of material obtained from some of the hospitals, which the women made up. Six hundred and forty-four pieces were made including forty-four gowns, baby slips, tea towels, aprons, roller towels, hot water bag covers, clothes bags. Twenty tons of coal were given out, and a Thanksgiving turkey dinner was provided for 25 women and children, in the Parish building. Christmas baskets of provisions were sent to 18 families varying in size from one to twelve members, two Entertainments after Christmas and in the spring, were also given of the members, their friends and children, consisting of music, recitations and a supper. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, eggs, beef tea, fruit and medicine were given to the more needy members of the meeting; also a picnic in the summer. Several children and grown people had outings of from one to two weeks in length in the country. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. Thirty-five houses have been regularly visited, in some cases of sickness very frequently, two cases were taken personally to

the hospital. Total amount expended, \$418.10.

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Miss M. J. Gilpin	Miss Dickerson
Mrs. Tait	Miss Moitz
Misses Smith	Mrs. Dupuy (Asso.)
Misses Epprecht	Miss Brodie (Asso.)
Mrs. Fitler (Asso.)	

Report

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year; a white silk embroidered Altar cloth for the side Altar in the church, a white silk dossel for the main Altar, 4 fair linen cloths embroidered 2 credence covers, 3 albs, 2 linen girdles, a banner was made and embroidered for the Girls Frindly Society. Amount of money received from sales \$147.00. Amount expended for materials, \$108.80.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The Committee provided four bouquets for the Altars on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have also been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the four summer months. Two did the washing of some of the fine linens of the church. Two members of this committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, another supplied the altar candles, S. Agnes and S. John's Junior Guilds the altar bread, and half of the flowers for the St Saviours Altar.

Total amount received by this Committee during the year \$141.83, amount expended, \$148.12.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

Members

Miss Palmgren	Miss Bessie Jennings
Mrs. Harris	Mrs. Hermann, (Asso.)
Miss M. Stretch (Asso.)	Miss Laura Maas (Asso.)
Miss Clinton	Miss Edith Kelly
Miss M. J. Gilpin	Misses Hodge
Miss Beatrice Howell,	Mrs. Combs
(Asso.)	Miss Eliz. Hawkins
Mrs. Alfred Stengel	Miss Violet Gratz
Miss Lilie Rowland,	Miss Clark, (Asso.)
(Asso.)	Misses Bradford (Asso)
Mrs. Hodge	Miss Anna Willis
Miss May Stretch,	Miss McGinnes
(Asso.)	Miss McGinnis (Asso.)

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Miss Perry	Mrs. J. Bradley. (Asso)
Miss Louisa Hodge	Miss Caroline Biddle
Miss Dickerson	Miss Clara Williamson
Miss C. L. Borie Jr (Asso)	Miss Davis

Report

Money received, \$13 33. Expended, \$9.34. Nineteen yards of linen and a large quantity of material for work were donated.

Three surplices and 25 cottas were made for the choir and a cassock for the Rector and one for the choir master, two cassocks, were made for missionary clegymen, the material for these being provided. The cassocks and cottas of the choir were also kept in repair.

The Chapter also made during Lent all the garments in the missionary box sent to Wisconsin, which was valued at \$60.00.

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Mr. D. L. Whitmer Dr. George M. Coates
Dr. Francis Jacobs, (Asso.)

St. John's Guild

OBJECT

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live godly and Christian lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the Parish Building on the first Monday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Mondays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden

THE CURATE

Secretary

UEL HUGHES

Treasurer

MR. JOHN M. STRONG

Banner Bearer

MR. WILLIAM MOFFIT

Number of members, 17.

Junior St. John's Guild

Director

THE CURATE

Gymnastic Trainer

MR. CLARENCE MARTZ

Banner Bearer

SAMUEL NEIL

Numbers of members, 34.

St. Alban's Guild

To train boys and young men to act as acolytes and servers in the services of the Church, and impress them with the sacredness and importance of their duties.

The Guild meets at the call of its Head, the Curate of the Parish.

Number of members, 16.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin

Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society
OBJECT

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the Parish Building, on the second Tuesday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Tuesdays for work or recreation.

Director

THE RECTOR

Branch Secretary

MISS ELLEN C. WHARTON

Corresponding Secretary

MISS C. W. HARE

Associates

MISS MCKNIGHT

MISS PEARSON

MISS LYDIA SMITH

MISS MARTHA HOWELL, (Asso.)

Treasurer

MISS MCKNIGHT

Banner Bearer

MISS IDA KLOFACH

Number of members, 20 probationers, 3.

Guild of St. Agnes

For the Younger Girls

OBJECT

To inculcate the principles of holy living and divine worship.

Director

THE CURATE

Superior

MISS BESSIE JENNINGS

Assistants

MISS PALMGREN

MISS STRETCH, (Asso.)

MISS ANNA WILLIS

MISS MAY STRETCH, (Asso.)

MRS. G. M. MCGINNIS, (Asso.)

Number of members, 38.

Year Book

Church of the
Ascension



Broad and South Streets
Philadelphia

1909-1910

Officers

Clergy

The REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, M. A., *Rector*.
The REV. H. PAGE DYER, *Curate*.

Wardens

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D., *Rector's Warden*.
MILLARD F. ROBERTS, *Accounting Warden*.

To serve until Easter, 1911.

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.,
CHARLES L. BORIE, Jr.,
WM. C. LLOYD,
MILLARD F. ROBERTS.

To serve until Easter, 1912.

JOHN D. HENDERSON,
J. GIBSON McCALL,
RICHARD GILPIN,
EDWARD F. PUGH.

To serve until Easter, 1913.

HARRY B. FRENCH,
WALTER M. NEWNAM,
JOHN S. NEWBOLD,
GEORGE M. COATES, M. D.

Sexton

WILLIAM J. MORGAN.

The Choir

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST
PHILIP F. ALBURGER

Sopranos

Alexander Boggs	George Dobbins
Samuel Grub	Herbert Busch
Charles Black	William est
Geo. Anderson	Warren Medde
Albert Ritsert	John Hutchinson
George Wilson	William Graham
Fred. Blitchford	Louis Klotack
Samuel Bailey	George Norris
Robert Moore	M. ruiner Buckley
Henry Norris	John Owen
	Edward Irwin

Altos

Barton Huntington Harry Ritsert

Tenors

James McCarrick George Morgan

Basses

Chester F. Myers Albert Challman
George Fairchild

Services

SUNDAYS.

- 7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon.
11.30 A. M.—Choral Communion.
3.30 P. M.—Children's Service.
7.45 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

HOLY DAYS.

- 7.00 and 10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

WEEK-DAYS.

- 7.00 A. M.—Daily, except Thursdays Holy Communion.
9.00 A. M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion.
10.00 A. M.—Daily Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Daily Evening Prayer.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesdays, Evening Prayer and Lecture.

2.45 P. M.—Sunday-school.

3.00 P. M.—Bible Classes.

10.00 A. M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from November to Easter.
vember to June.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings during the winter.

Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1910

Baptisms—Adults	2
Infants	17
Total	19
Confirmed	25
Communicants added, new	18
Received from other parishes	7
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Total	25
Died	9
Removed	15
Present number	525
Marriages	5
Burials	18
Services, Sundays	246
Week-days	973
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Total	1219
Average attendance, Sundays	250
" Week-days	25
Celebrations of the Holy Communion:	
Public	460
Private	13
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Total	473
Number of Communions made	2212
" Sermons preached	258
Children catechised (times)	240
Number of families known to the	
Clergy	300
Number of Individuals, about	700
" " scholars in Sunday-school	134
" " " Bible Classes	45
" " " Indus'l Sch'l	45

Financial Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms, Chests, Guilds and Individual contributions (all being free-will offerings)	\$6,057 57
Investments	595 63
Entertainments and sales	349 13

\$7,002 33

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Clergy and Sexton	\$3,000 00
Music	1,575 00
Miscellaneous	1,357 29
Convention Fund	152 66
Endowment Fund	37 60
Charities:	

Poor	\$324 22
Schools	239 49
Domestic Missions	327 22
Foreign	54 16
Colored	25 25
Indian	13 50
General	14 30
Diocesan	109 50
Sunday-school for do.....	47 11
Sustentation Fund	34 86
Female Tract Society	8 00
Prayer Book Society	9 00
Episcopal Hospital	9 85
United Offering	34 60
Clergy Relief	1 02

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\$7,374 61

THE church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give, according to his ability as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent; and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute toward the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in nowise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count. Extra envelopes are also provided for various benevolent purposes, which can be returned at any time during the year, at the convenience of the donor.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscriptions and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year:

The "Parochial Kalendar" framed, quartered oak notice board, frame for Church Club Bulletin, notices for different purposes for the vestibule of the church, wire fence with wooden posts, and fitting up of the ground of the church, various plants for the same, new Brussels carpet for the sacristy, valuable addition to the gymnastic apparatus of the Parish, typewritten envelope list and list of Men's Club, small hymnal for the chancel, photographs of the interior of the church and of St. Saviour's altar, cuts of the same for the *Ascension*

News, three dozen cups and saucers for entertainments, a "Crèche" for Christmas, pictures of King Charles I, of the consecration of Archbishop Parker and of "The Christ," in frames, 72 tickets for the "Mask and Wig" rehearsal, a basketball screen, box of push pins, box of pens and pen wiper, two and one-half yards of lace for altar linen, large quantity of magazines and papers, fruit for Thanksgiving Day, some provisions for the poor, and crackers, cheese, coffee and other eatables for the Men's Club nights and other entertainments.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday, except during four summer months, at 2.45 P. M., followed by a children's service at 3.30 P. M. A picnic and a number of entertainments were provided for the scholars during the year. The total collections of and for the Sunday School have been \$102.62, of which \$47.11 was collected by the scholars during Lent for foreign missions.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday, from November to Easter, for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught

sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called *The Ascension News* is published monthly, except in July, August and September, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the Church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

ENDOWMENT FUND.—It is very much to be desired that this fund, which is now only about \$13,000, should be greatly increased. The church needs an enlarged income, which can only be secured and its future permanently provided for in this way. The offerings on Ascension Day are by order of the Vestry hereafter to be devoted to this purpose. It is hoped that all who can do so will try to swell this fund by gifts or bequests.

FORM OF BEQUEST.—I give, devise and bequeath to "the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia," _____.

Women's Guild

MASTER

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Ex-Officio

MEMBERS

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Anniversary—Festival of St. Simon and St. Jude.

MISSIONARY CHAPTER

The members of this Chapter represent the Parish in the different branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Mis-

sions or other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this Chapter constitute a Parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, which holds regular missionary meetings on the first Friday of every month, Mrs. Thomas Neilson being president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary.

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)

Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin

Foreign Missions

Mrs. Chandler Hare

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)

Colored Missions

Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge

Miss Thomazine Ashbridge

Indian Missions

Miss S. E. Gilpin

Miss Charlotte W. Hare

Diocesan Missions

Mrs. Henry Beates

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Treasurer of United Offering Fund

Mrs. M. F. Roberts

Missionary Box Committee

Miss Mary Chamberlaine

Mrs. T. Leaming Smith

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Isabel Schell

Church Periodical Club

Miss S. Elizabeth Gilpin

REPORT*Domestic Committee*

Money collected, \$77.22, of which \$24.60 was paid the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$52.62 was expended in the purchase of articles for a missionary box. A box valued at \$63.87 was sent to a clergyman in the Diocese of Kansas City, containing clerical suit, clerical collars, nightshirts, stockings, ladies' combinations, stockings,

nightgowns, flannel shirt, piece of long cloth, large and small sheets, tablecloth, two sizes children's stockings, ladies' ulster, child's sweater, workbag, filled; books shawl, cape, silk tie, trousers, sweater, woolen undershirts.

Foreign Committee

Money collected \$6.80, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in several foreign schools.

Colored Committee

Money collected, \$25.25 which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for missionary work in the South.

Indian Committee

Money collected, \$13.50, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$9.50, which was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese.

United Offering

Amount collected for the year, \$34.60.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$9.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$8.00.

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Nine persons send regularly to particular addresses 16 magazines or papers; number of miscellaneous magazines and church papers collected, about 800.

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Miss Parke	Miss Johnson (Asso.)

Report

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: A violet and a red silk embroidered altar frontal, and violet, red and green silk super-frontals, fine linen, for the side altar of the church, one white silk stole as an order. Three linen corporals were made from linen donated. Amount of money received for work, \$263. Amount expended for materials, \$199.03.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

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Report

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Thirty yards of outing flannel and thirty-five yards of gingham were donated.

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The Chapter also made during Lent a box for the House of the Holy Child containing 6 pairs of nightdrawers, 12 aprons, 24 petticoats, 5 dresses, 2 wrappers, 8 underwaists, 20 napkins, 20 towels, 12 sheets, 6 pillowcases, 10 work cloths, 12 pairs of stockings, 15 cakes of soap, 1 box of talcum powder, 88 yards of gingham, which was valued at \$45.

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Year Book

Church of the
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Broad and South Street
Philadelphia

1910 - 1911

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Robert Moore	Harold Mayer
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Total		34
Died		12
Removed		14
Present number		504
Marriages		9
Burials		18
Services, Sundays		246
Weekdays		970
Total		1216
Average attendance, Sundays.....		200
Average attendance, Weekdays.....		15
Celebration of the Holy Communion:		
Public		460
Private		10
Total		470
Number of Communions made.....		2249
Number of Sermons Preached.....		258
Children catchised (times).....		240
Number of families known to the		
Clergy, about		300
Number of Individuals, about.....		700
Number of scholars in Sunday-school.....		100
Number of scholars in Bible classes.....		33
Number of scholars in Industrious Sch'l.....		30

Financial Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1911.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms, Chests, Guilds and individual contributions (all being free-will offerings).....	\$6,904.77
Investments	578.03
Other sources	69.25
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	\$7,552.05

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Clergy and Sexton.....	\$2,700.00
Music	1,535.00
Improvements and Repairs.....	895.45
Miscellaneous	1,535.00
Convention Fund	152.73
Endowment Fund	234.18
Charities:	
Poor	\$388.72
Schools	246.05
Domestic Missions	64.55
Foreign Missions	20.80
Colored Missions	16.70
Indian Missions	19.05
General Missions	14.00
Diocesan Missions	130.30
Sunday-school for Missions.....	49.28
Sustentation Fund	33.50
Female Tract Society.....	8.00
Prayer Book Society	8.00
Episcopal Hospital	22.22
United Offering	34.00
The Deaf	5.00
Bishop Whitaker Memorial....	73.50
Bishop's Purse	6.49
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	\$1,127.72
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	\$8,109.37

THE church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give, according to his ability as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute toward the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in nowise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count.

Beginning with February 1st, 1912, the Duplex envelope will be used. That is an envelope with two pockets, one for offerings for the current expenses of the church and the other for benevolent and missionary ob-

jects. It is hoped that the use of these envelopes will largely increase the receipts both for the church and for benevolent purposes. They will be sent to each attendant of the church with a request to use them.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscriptions and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year. A large brass, engraved and jeweled processional cross, formerly the property of St. Jude's Church, in this city; six carved statues for the Reredos of St. Saviour's altar, two representing angels, the others St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Lawrence and St. Catharine; oak tray for Credence table; carved wood Crucifix for Vestry, two Wels-

back lights for the church, framed sign for Ascension day for the vestibule, printed sign for Holy Week, several hand-made notices for Holy Week, two large Prayer Books for the Priests' stalls, two silver medals for the choir, stained-glass window for the Chancel, representing Christ before Pilate, in memory of Mr. William Platt Pepper; framed painting of Crucifer and Processional Cross; three dozen pairs of gymnasium shoes, quantity of toys, number of plants for church grounds, large photographs of the main and side altars, and cut of photograph of the Rector for the Ascension News, a number of articles for rummage sale, framed illuminated card of Canon of the Mass, painted by Mr. Carpenter, the father of the late Rector's Warden, Mr. G. Edw. Carpenter; large quantity of magazines and papers, fruit for Thanksgiving day, some provisions for the poor, and crackers, cheese, coffee and other eatables for the Men's Club nights and other entertainments.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday, except during four summer months, at 2.45 P. M., followed by a children's service at 3.30 P. M. A picnic and a number of entertainments were provided for the scholars during the year. The total collections

of and for the Sunday School have been \$102.62, of which \$47.11 was collected by the scholars during Lent for foreign missions.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday, from November to Easter, for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given by one of the clergy. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books.

PARISH PAPER—A paper called *The Ascension News* is published monthly, except in July, August and September, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the Church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

ENDOWMENT FUND.—It is very much to be desired that this fund, which is now only about \$13,000, should be greatly increased. The church needs an enlarged income, which can only be secured and its future permanently provided for in this way. The offerings on Ascension day are by order of the Vestry devoted to this purpose. It is hoped that all who can do so will try to swell this fund by gifts or bequests.

FORM OF BEQUEST.—I give, devise and bequeath to "the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia," _____.

Women's Guild

MASTER

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Ex-Officio

All female communicants of the Parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants may become members upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

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Anniversary—Festival of St. Simon and St. Jude.

MISSIONARY CHAPTER

The members of this Chapter represent the Parish in the different branches of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this Chapter constitute a Parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, which holds regular missionary meetings on the first Friday of every month, Mrs. Thomas Neilson being president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary.

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)

Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin

Foreign Missions

Mrs. Chandler Hare

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)

Colored Missions

Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge

Miss Thomazine Ashbridge

Indian Missions

Miss S. E. Gilpin

Miss Charlotte W. Hare

Diocesan Missions

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Miss Helen H. Hodge

Treasurer of United Offering Fund

Mrs. M. F. Roberts

Missionary Box Committee

Miss Mary Chamberlaine

Mrs. T. Leaming Smith

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Isabel Schell

Church Periodical Club

Miss S. Elizabeth Gilpin

REPORT

Domestic Committee

Money collected, \$64.35, of which \$20.30 was paid the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$43.25 was expended in the purchase of articles for a missionary box. A box valued at \$60.00 was sent to a clergyman in Southern Dakota, containing three table cloths, two dozen napkins, two towels, six Turkish bath towels, six men's handkerchiefs, twelve kitchen and pantry towels,

eight double sheets, eight cotton pillow cases, a new work basket, a shopping bag and a purse containing \$3 in cash, a pair of wool blankets and some useful second-hand articles.

Foreign Committee

Money collected, \$20.80, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in several foreign schools.

Colored Committee

Money collected, \$16.70, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for missionary work in the South.

Indian Committee

Money collected, \$19.05, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$88.30, of which \$20.30 was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese, and for the Bishop Whitaker memorial, \$68.

United Offering

Amount collected for the year, \$34.60.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$8.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$6.00.

Church Periodical Society.

Nine persons send regularly to particular addresses 20 magazines or papers; 150 magazines, papers and mounted pictures were sent to the Lighthouse, Seamen's Mission and Italian Mission. The Ladies' Home Journal is sent regularly by three members of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Persons in the Parish having magazines and papers to dispose of are requested to obtain from the Secretary, Miss S. E. Gilpin, 904 Clinton Street, the names and addresses of the persons to whom they can send them, or to send them to the church for distribution. Small yearly contributions to pay for the postage on papers sent from the church are also asked for.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the clergy, that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the

Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

Members

Miss A. Young	Miss Clara Williamson
Miss Helen H. Hodge	
Miss C. W. Hare	Miss Henrietta Walsh

Report

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter, consisting of material obtained from several hospitals, which the women made up. Five hundred and ten pieces were made, including operation and night gowns, children's gowns and slips, towels, aprons, flannel petticoats, children's drawers and dresses, pillow cases, etc. Fifteen tons of coal were given out, and a Thanksgiving turkey dinner was provided for some twenty-five women and children in the Parish building. Christmas baskets of provisions or delicacies were sent to twenty-one families, varying in size from one to twelve members, and a supper was also given to the members at almost every meeting. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, etc., were sold or given to the more needy members of the meeting. Several children and grown

people had outings of from one to two weeks in length in the country. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. All the members were visited, in some cases very frequently. Total amount expended, \$366.86.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially-worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Alter Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

Members

Miss Parmelee	Mrs. Roberts
Miss Alice Rousseau	Miss Schell
Miss Barrington	Mrs. Harris
Miss Ashbridge	Misses Hodge
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Dickerson
Miss M. J. Gilpin	Miss Moitz
Miss Alice Smith	Mrs. Morgan
Misses Epprecht	Miss Johnson (Asso.)
Miss Parke	Mrs. Carman
Mrs. Busch	Miss Palmgren

Report

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: A green silk embroidered altar frontal, a violet silk embroidered chalice veil and burse for the side altar of the church, two embroidered silk stoles as orders, also a linen corporal, two amices and twelve purificators. Amount of money received for work, \$26.00. Amount expended for materials, \$64.20.

The class also contributed from its funds \$50 to the endowment fund of the church.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The committee provided two bouquets for the main altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterward given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the four summer months. Two did the washing of some of the fine linens of the

church. Two members of this committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels another supplied the altar candles, St. Agnes' and St. John's Junior Guilds the altar bread, and half of the flowers for the St. Saviour's altar.

Total amount received by this committee during the year, \$99.70; amount expended, \$112.25.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

Members

Miss Palmgren	Miss Edith Kelly
Mrs. Harris	Misses Hodge
Miss Marion Stretch	Miss Eliz. Hawkins
Misses Clinton	Miss Bradford
Miss M. J. Gilpin	(Asso.)
Miss Lilie Rowland,	Mrs. McGinnis
(Asso.)	(Asso.)
Miss May Stretch	Mrs. Maginnis
Miss Mary Bonsack	Miss Trice
Miss Bessie Jennings	

Report

Three members of this Chapter taught Bible classes, 12 have taught in the main and infant Sunday School, and 4 in the Industrial School. One taught in the Industrial School of the Church of the Holy Trinity.

One serves as Superior of the Young Men's Guild and five others for St. Agnes' Guild for Little Girls.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Society

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

Members

Mrs. Carmen	Miss Ashbridge
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Schell
Mrs. T. L. Smith	Mrs. Pugh (Asso.)
Miss Carmen	Miss Caroline Biddle
Mrs. Hodge	Miss Clara Williamsor
Mrs. Bradley	Miss Alice Smith
Miss Goodman	Miss Spinney
Mrs. Gilpin	

Report

Money received, \$16.00. Expended, \$19.31.

Seven yards of flannel, a piece of nainsook muslin, three and a half yards of serge and a piece of cotton bird's-eye were donated.

Three cassocks and nine cottas were made for the choir, a surplice for the church and one for a missionary. The cassocks and cottas of the choir were also kept in repair.

The Chapter also made during Lent a box for the Maternity Hospital containing 6 night dresses for women, seventy-three cambric slips for infants, 9 flannel slips, 13 flannel bands and 37 napkins, also some soap, vasoline and absorbent cotton, the whole valued at \$21.

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Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

Members

Dr. Thos. R. Neilson	Dr. Geo. M. Coates
Mr. D. L. Witmer	Mr. Chas. L. Borie,
Mr. M. F. Roberts	Jr. (Asso.)
Mr. F. C. Botwright	Mr. B. Huntington
Mr. Albert Challman	Mr. John S. Newbold
Mr. Henry B. Hodge	(Asso.)
Mr. Walter M. Newman	

Report

A number of positions for men and boys were secured and several medical cases were attended to, and legal advice given in two or three instances.

Several have done some visiting as members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Chapter organized a club for men which held monthly meetings during the winter, at which some entertainment was given, together with smoking and refreshments.

Lay Helpers' Chapter

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, Servers' assistants, in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

Members

Mr. Wm. J. Morgan	Mr. Leon Shelton
Mr. George Fairchild	Mr. George Morgan
Mr. Byron Smith	Mr. Alex. Boggs
Mr. Stanley Atkinson	Mr. James Fritz
Mr. William Boggs	Mr. Arthur Challman
Mr. Clarence Martz	Mr. Arthur Christian
Mr. Raymond Reeves	Mr. James Boggs

Report

One member of this Chapter sang in the choir as volunteer, thirteen have acted as lay servers and cross bearers, one had charge of the parish library, two dressed the church for Christmas.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

PARISH CHAPTER

Meets the third Tuesday in each month

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MISS MAY STRETCH

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	{ Infants	21
Total		32
Confirmed	{ Male	20
	{ Female	5
Total		25
Communicants added, new.....		20
Received from other parishes.....		33
Total		53
Died		13
Removed		34
Present number		516
Marriages		8
Burials		25
Services, Sundays		246
Weekdays		960
Total		1206
Average attendance, Sundays.....		200
Average attendance, Weekdays.....		15
Celebration of the Holy Communion:		
Public		400
Private		15
Total		415
Number of Communions made.....		2057
Number of Sermons Preached.....		258
Children catechised (times).....		240
Number of families known to the		
Clergy, about		300
Number of Individuals, about		700
Number of scholars in Sunday-school.		113
Number of scholars in Bible classes		33
Number of scholars in Indus'l School		35

Financial Statistics

For the year ending May 1, 1912.

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Through the Offertory, Alms, Chests, Guilds and individual contributions (all being free-will offerings).....	\$7,774.19
Investments	598.03
Other sources	417.94
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	\$8,790.16

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Clergy and Sexton.....	\$3,425.00
Music	1,524.00
Payment of debt.....	1,100.00
Miscellaneous	1,097.60
Convention Fund	146.02
Endowment Fund	75.40
Charities:	
Poor	\$511.99
Schools	209.36
Domestic Missions	75.40
Foreign Missions	18.65
Colored Missions	12.45
Indian Missions	18.15
General Missions	542.29
Diocesan Missions	162.75
Sustentation Fund	33.37
Female Tract Society.....	8.00
Prayer Book Society.....	6.00
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United Offering	30.25
Bishop Whitaker Memorial..	3.00
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Miss Thomazine Ashbridge
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Miss Charlotte W. Hare

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Miss Annie Chamberlaine
Miss Helen H. Hodge

Treasurer of United Offering Fund

Mrs. M. F. Roberts

Missionary Box Committee

Miss Mary Chamberlaine
Mrs. T. Leaming Smith

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Isabel Schell

Church Periodical Club

Miss Caroline Biddle

REPORT

Domestic Committee

Money collected, \$75.40, of which \$30.40 was paid the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$45.00 was expended in the purchase of articles for a missionary box. A box valued at \$65.00 was sent to a clergyman in Nebraska, containing a clerical suit, a cassock, 6 pair cotton hose, 6 pair woolen hose, Rabbe vest, pair lined gloves, 2 pairs flannel pajamas, 1 dozen handkerchiefs, pair high storm shoes, pair military hair brushes, nail brush and comb, 2 tooth brushes, pound of writing paper, a sweater, some underwear, package of commercial paper and envelopes, and pencils. Also two suits of clothes, pair of shoes, 6 pairs of stockings and four suits of underwear, second-hand.

Foreign Committee

Money collected, \$12.65, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in several foreign schools.

Colored Committee

Money collected, \$12.45, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for missionary work in the South.

Indian Committee

Money collected, \$18.15, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$17.00, which was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese.

United Offering

Amount collected for the year, \$30.25.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$8.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$6.00.

Church Periodical Society.

Fifteen persons send regularly to particular addresses 35 magazines or papers; 125 magazines were sent to a hospital and

60 books to the Oneida Mission. Contributions for postage, \$4.00.

Persons in the Parish having magazines and papers to dispose of are requested to obtain from the Secretary, Miss Caroline Biddle, 331 South Seventeenth Street, the names and addresses of the persons to whom they can send them, or to send them to the church for distribution. Small yearly contributions to pay for the postage on papers sent from the church are also asked for.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the clergy, that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

Members

Mrs. Knabel	Miss Helen H. Hodge
Miss C. W. Hare	
Mrs. Coates	Miss Clara Williamson

Report

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting.

Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter, consisting of material obtained from several hospitals, which the women made up. Five hundred and seventy-five pieces were made, including operation gowns and fever shirts, sheets, bed gowns and binders, also 14 work bags for the Mothers' Meeting, towels. Nineteen tons of coal were given out, and a Thanksgiving turkey dinner was provided for some twenty-five women and children in the Parish building. Christmas baskets of provisions or delicacies were sent to twenty families, and a supper and entertainment at the close of the season was also given to the members. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, etc., including some 37 articles of underwear for women and children, made by the Ladies' Aid during Lent., were sold or given to the more needy members of the meeting. Several children and grown people had outings of from one to two weeks in length in the country. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. All the members were visited, in some cases very frequently. Total amount expended, \$511.99.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially-worn or cast-off clothing of any descrip-

tion can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Altar Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

Members

Miss Parmelee	Mrs. Roberts
Miss Alice Rousseau	Miss Schell
Miss Barrington	Misses Hodge
Miss Ashbridge	Miss Dickerson
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Moitz
Miss M. J. Gilpin	Mrs. Morgan
Miss Alice Smith	Mrs. Carman
Misses Epprecht	Miss Palmgren
Mrs. Busch	
Mrs. Knabel	Misses Stretch

Report

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: A white brocade cope, with embroidered hood, a white brocade chasuble and a green chalice veil were made for the church, a red embroidered silk stole as an order. The material for the cope, for a

white silk stole, also stiff pall embroidered, and two silk stoles were presented. Amount of money received for work, \$15.00. Amount expended for materials, \$85.71.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The committee provided two bouquets for the main altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterward given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. One member supplied the altar flowers for the four summer months. Five did the washing of the fine linens of the church. Two members of this committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, another one supplied the altar candles, St. Agnes' Guild the altar bread, and half of the flowers for the St. Saviour's altar.

Total amount received by this committee during the year, \$116.05; amount expended, \$133.14.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

Members

Miss Palmgren	Miss Edith Kelly
Mrs. Harris	Misses Hodge
Miss Marion Stretch	Miss Eliz. Hawkins
Misses Clinton	Mrs. Maginnis
Miss M. J. Gilpin	Miss Trice
Miss Lilie Rowland,	Miss Conway
(Asso.)	(Asso.)
Miss May Stretch	Miss Denis (Asso.)
Miss Bessie Jennings	Miss Annie Carpenter

Report

Two members of this Chapter taught Bible classes, 12 have taught in the main and infant Sunday School, and 5 in the Industrial School.

One serves as Superior of the Young Men's Guild and five others for St. Agnes' Guild for Little Girls.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Society

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

Members

Mrs. Carmen	Miss Caroline Biddle
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Clara William-
Mrs. T. L. Smith	son
Miss Carmen	Miss Alice Smith
Mrs. Hodge	Miss Spinney
Mrs. Knabel	Miss Helen Hodge
Miss Schell	Miss Dickerson
Mrs. Pugh (Asso.)	Mrs. Stokes (Asso.)

Report

Money received, \$19.00. Expended, \$8.50.

Twenty yards of cotton flannel were donated.

Eleven cottas were made for the choir, and a cassock for a missionary. The cassocks and cottas of the choir were also kept in repair.

The Chapter also made during Lent for the poor of the parish 37 articles of underwear, in addition to which a number of articles, waists, stockings, etc., were purchased, the whole valued at \$25.

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Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

Beneficial Chapter

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from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

Members

Dr. Thos. R. Neilson	Dr. Geo. M. Coates
Mr. D. L. Witmer	Mr. Chas L. Borie,
Mr. M. F. Roberts	Jr.
Mr. F. C. Botwright	Mr. B. Huntington
Mr. Albert Challman	Mr. John S. Newbold
Mr. Henry B. Hodge	(Asso.)
Mr. W. M. Newman	Mr. Richard Gilpin

Report

A number of positions for men and boys were secured and several medical cases were attended. Several have done visiting as members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Chapter conducted a club for men which held several meetings during the winter, at which some entertainment was given, together with smoking and refreshments.

School Chapter

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

Members

Mr. F. C. Botwright Mr. Chester F. Myers
Mr. F. C. Botwright Mr. Alexander Boggs
Jr. Mr. Raymond Reeves
Mr. D. L. Witmer

Report

Two members of this Chapter have acted as Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School, two taught classes, one had charge of the library and acted as Secretary, one taught in the Chapel of St. Simeon the Cyrenian.

Lay Helpers' Chapter

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, Servers' assistants, in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

Members

Mr. Wm. J. Morgan Mr. Joseph Glazer
Mr. Byron Smith Mr. Arthur Challman
Mr. Stanley Atkinson Mr. Arthur Christian
Mr. Raymond Reeves Mr. James Boggs
Mr. Leon Shelton Mr. Edward H. Offley
Mr. George Morgan (Asso.)

Report

One member of this Chapter sang in the choir as volunteer, ten have acted as lay servers and cross bearers.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

PARISH CHAPTER

Meets the third Tuesday in each month

Director

THE RECTOR

Secretary

MR. ALBERT CHALLMAN

Treasurer

MR. F. C. BOTWRIGHT

Number of members, 9.

St. John's Guild

Object

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live godly and Christian lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the Parish Building on the first Thursday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Thursdays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden
THE CURATE

President
MR. B. H. HUNTINGTON
Secretary and Treasurer
MR. LEON SHELTON

Banner Bearer
MR. JAMES BOGGS

Number of members, 29.

Junior St. John's Guild

Director
THE CURATE
Gymnastic Trainer
MR. RAYMOND REEVES

Banner Bearer
SAMUEL NEIL

Guild meets on Monday evenings during the winter months.

Number of members, 30.

St. Alban's Guild

To train boys and young men to act as acolytes and servers in the services of the Church, and impress them with the sacredness and importance of their duties.

The Guild meets at the call of its Head, the Curate of the Parish.

Number of members, 9.

Guild of St. Mary the Virgin

Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society

Object

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the Parish Building, on the first Tuesday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Tuesdays for work or recreation.

Director
THE RECTOR

Branch Secretary
MISS S. ELIZABETH GILPIN

Hon. Associates
MISS ELLA WILLIAMSON
MISS HODGE
MRS. TUTWILER
MRS. H. P. BUSH
MISS CAROLINE BIDDLE
MISS BRODIE (ASSTO.)

Working Associates
MISS MCKNIGHT
MISS PEARSON
MRS. TUTWILER
MISS CORTER (ASSTO.)
MISS ELLEN C. WHARTON

Treasurer
MISS CORTER

Banner Bearer
MISS IDA KLOFACK

Number of members, 21; probationers, 3.

Guild of St. Agnes

For the Younger Girls

Object

To inculcate the principles of holy living
and divine worship.

Director
THE CURATE

Superior
MISS BESSIE JENNINGS

Assistants
MISS STRETCH
MISS MAY STRETCH

The Guild meets every Saturday evening.
Number of members, 22.

YEAR BOOK

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Officers

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Wardens

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D., Rector's Warden.
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To serve until Easter, 1914.
THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.
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To serve until Easter, 1915.
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The Choir

Choir Master and Organist

PHILIP F. ALBURGER

Sopranos

George Wilson	Robt. McMeekin
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Wm. Whitehurst	Max Bieberbach
Edward Pamonette	Stanley Hannums
Watson Mull	Harry Rodgers
George Mull	Frank Consaloi
John Barr	Charles McCann
Henry Barr	Charles Ritsert
Warren Medde	Wm. Bender
John Owens	

Alto

HARRY RITSERT

Tenors

Robert McNeill
W. Morton Jones

Basses

Chester F. Myers
Albert Challman

Services

SUNDAYS.

- 7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer with Litany during
Advent and Lent.
11.00 A. M.—Choral Communion.
3.30 P. M.—Children's Service.
7.45 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.

HOLY DAYS.

- 7.00 and 10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

WEEK-DAYS.

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2.45 P. M.—Bible Classes.
10.00 A. M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from
November to Easter.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings
during the winter.

Statistics

For the Year Ending May 1, 1913.

Baptisms		
Adults	7	
Infants	15	
Total		22
Confirmed		
Male	11	
Female	14	
Total		25
Communicants added, new.....	24	
Received from other parishes.....	9	
Total		33
Died	11	
Removed	44	
Present number	494	
Marriages	10	
Burials	25	
Services, Sundays	246	
Weekdays	973	
Total		1219
Average attendance, Sundays.....	200	
Average attendance, Weekdays.....	15	
Celebration of the Holy Communion:		
Public	400	
Private	12	
Total		412
Number of Communion made.....	1760	
Number of Sermons Preached.....	258	
Children catechised (times).....	240	
Number of families known to the		
Clergy, about	300	
Number of Individuals, about.....	700	
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Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin

Foreign Missions

Mrs. Chandler Hare
Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)
Miss Caroline L. Thompson

Colored Missions

Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge
Miss Thomazine Ashbridge
Mrs. George M. Coates

Indian Missions

Miss S. E. Gilpin
Miss Charlotte W. Hare

Diocesan Missions

Miss Annie Chamberlaine
Miss Helen H. Hodge

Treasurer of United Offering Fund

Mrs. M. F. Roberts

Missionary Box Committee

Miss Mary Chamberlaine
Mrs. T. Leaming Smith

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Isabel Schell

Church Periodical Club

Mrs. W. Moore Wharton

REPORT

Domestic Committee

Money collected, \$80.30, of which \$24.80 was paid the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$55.50 was expended in the purchase of articles for a missionary box. A box valued at \$60.00 was sent to a clergyman in Mississippi, containing a clerical suit, a surplice, 6 pairs socks, 6 pairs hose, 2 flannel night gowns, 6 handkerchiefs, 3 pairs of sheets, 6 pillow cases, 6 good towels, 6 bath towels, 6 glass towels, 6 kitchen towels, 1 wrapper, 3 pairs ladies' stockings, 6 ladies' handkerchiefs, 1 mixed cloth walking skirt, pair of bedroom slippers, 3 night shirts. Also two suits of clothes, second hand.

Foreign Committee

Money collected, \$27.55, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in several foreign schools.

Colored Committee

Money collected, \$25.05, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for missionary work in the South.

Indian Committee

Money collected, \$24.80, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$21.80, which was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese.

United Offering

Amount collected for the year, 67.92.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$8.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$4.00.

Church Periodical Society

Fourteen persons send regularly to particular addresses 27 magazines or papers;

200 magazines were sent to the church for distribution. Contributions for postage, \$4.75.

Persons in the Parish having magazines and papers to dispose of are requested to obtain from the Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Wharton, 1616 Pine Street, the names and addresses of the persons to whom they can send them, or to send them to the church for distribution. Small yearly contributions to pay for the postage on papers sent from the church are also asked for.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the clergy, that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

Members

Mrs. Knubel	Miss Helen H. Hodge
Miss C. W. Hare	Mrs. H. Christian
Mrs. Coates	Mrs. Cobb
Mrs. Busch	Miss A. Young
Miss Baugh	
Miss Clara Williamson	

Report

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter, consisting of material obtained from several hospitals, which the women made up. Seven hundred and six pieces were made, including women's gowns, surgeons' gowns, sheets, children's gowns, also 31 table covers, bedside bags, pajamas, work bags for the Mothers' Meeting, towels. Thirteen and a half tons of coal were given out, and a Thanksgiving turkey dinner was provided for some twenty-five women and children in the Parish building. Christmas baskets of provisions or delicacies were sent to 19 families, and an oyster supper and three small teas were also given to the members. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, etc., including some baby clothes and clothing for four families, made by the Ladies' Aid during Lent, were sold or given to the more needy members of the meeting. Several children and grown people had outings of from one to two weeks in length in the country. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. All the members were visited, in some cases very frequently. Total amount expended, \$457.80.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Altar Chapter

Members

Miss Parmelee	Mrs. Christian
Miss Alice Rousseau	Mrs. Roberts
Miss Barrington	Miss Schell
Mrs. Barrett	Misses Hodge
Miss M. J. Gilpin	Miss Dickerson
Miss Alice Smith	Mrs. Carman
Misses Epprecht	Miss Palmgren
Mrs. Busch	Mrs. Cobb
Mrs. Knubel	Misses Stretch

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

Report

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: A white brocade and a violet embroidered stole, an embroidered credence cover, 2 amices and 3 linen maniples, 9 purificators were made for the church, and the green silk altar cloth and chalice veil

and white altar cloth and pulpit pall were remade. A linen chasuble and amice, 1 fair linen chalice cover, 3 purificators, 1 corporal, 2 stiff palls and 6 stoles were presented to other churches. Amount expended for materials, \$47.65.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The committee provided two bouquets for the main altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. Five did the washing of the fine linens of the church. Two members of this committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, another one supplied the altar candles, St. Agnes' Guild and Girls' Friendly the altar bread and half of the flowers for the St. Saviour's Altar.

Total amount received by this committee during the year, \$122.95; amount expended, \$121.05.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

Members

Mrs. Harris	Miss Anna Anderson
Miss Marion Stretch	Misses Hodge
Miss M. J. Gilpin	Miss Margaret Mull
Miss Lilie Rowland	Mrs. Maginnis
(Asso.)	Miss Anne Carpenter
Miss May Stretch	Miss Coombs
Miss Bessie Jennings	Mrs. Read
Mrs. Knubel	Miss Anna Ritsert
Miss Frances Whitehurst	

Report

Two members of this Chapter taught Bible classes, 10 have taught in the main and infant Sunday School, and 3 in the Industrial School. One teaches a class at the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

One serves as Superior of the Young Men's Guild and three others for St. Agnes' Guild for Little Girls.

The members of this Chapter prepared a festival for the children of the Sunday School at Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

Ladies' Aid Society

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the support of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

Members

Mrs. Carmen	Miss Caroline Biddle
Mrs. Barrett	Miss Clara William-
Miss Carmen	son
Mrs. Hodge	Miss Alice Smith
Mrs. Roberts	Miss Spinney
Mrs. Gilpin	Miss Helen Hodge
Mrs. Newbold (Asso.)	

Report

Money received, \$35.00; expended, \$32.00.

Twenty-two cottas were made for the choir, two albs, a surplice and a cassock for the Church. The cassocks and cottas of the choir were also kept in repair.

The Chapter also made during Lent for the poor of the parish 90 articles of clothing, in addition to which a quantity of partly worn clothing was presented, the whole valued at \$27.00.

Men's Guild

MASTER

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE

Ex-Officio

All male communicants of the Parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Men belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All services and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master, to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in

medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the congregation.

Members

Dr. Thos. R. Neilson	Dr. Geo. M. Coates
Mr. D. L. Witmer	Mr. Chas. L. Borie,
Mr. M. F. Roberts	Jr.
Mr. F. C. Botwright	Mr. B. Huntington
Mr. Albert Challman	Mr. John S. Newbold
Mr. Henry B. Hodge	(Asso.)
Mr. W. M. Newnam	Mr. Richard Gilpin

Report

A number of positions for men and boys were secured and several medical cases were attended. Several have done visiting as members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The Chapter conducted a club for men which held several meetings during the winter, at which some entertainment was given, together with smoking and refreshments.

School Chapter

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

Members

Mr. D. L. Witmer Mr. Raymond Reeves
Mr. Chester F. Myers Mr. Louis Klofach
Mr. Alexander Boggs
Mr. William Whitehurst

Report

A member of this Chapter has acted as Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School, two taught classes, two had charge of the library and acted as Secretaries, one taught in the Chapel of St. Simon the Cyrenian.

Lay Helpers' Chapter

It is composed of such as can act when required, as lay readers, district visitors, volunteers in the choir, Servers' assistants, in decorating the church for festivals, etc.

Members

Mr. Wm. J. Morgan Mr. Arthur Christian
Mr. Stanley Atkinson Mr. James Boggs
Mr. Raymond Reeves Mr. Louis Klofach
Mr. Leon Shelton Mr. James Fritz
Mr. George Morgan Mr. Oscar Layton
Mr. Joseph Glazer Mr. Frank Balsey
Mr. Arthur Challman Mr. W. M. Newnam
Mr. Charles McDermott

Report

One member of this Chapter sang in the choir as volunteer, ten have acted as lay servers and cross bearers. One played the

organ on special occasions. One painted signs and notices for the church. One addressed notices.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

PARISH CHAPTER

Meets the third Tuesday in alternate month.

Director

THE RECTOR

Secretary

MR. ALBERT CHALLMAN

Treasurer

MR. R. H. YOUNG (Asso.)

Number of members, 9.

St. John's Guild

Object

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live godly and Christian lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the Parish Building on the first Thursday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Thursdays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden
THE CURATE
President
MR. JOSEPH GLAZER
Secretary
MR. JAMES BOGGS
Treasurer

MR. ALEXANDER BOGGS
Banner Bearer

MR. JAMES FRITZ

Number of members, 23.

Junior St. John's Guild

Director
THE CURATE
President
MR. GEORGE MULL
Treasurer
MR. JOHN JONES
Secretary
MR. CHARLES McDERMOTT
Gymnastic Trainer
MR. SAMUEL NEIL
Banner Bearer
MR. JOHN BARR

Guild meets on Monday evenings during the winter months.

Number of members, 25.

St. Alban's Guild

To train boys and young men to act as acolytes and servers in the services of the Church, and impress them with the sacredness and importance of their duties.

The Guild meets at the call of its Head, the Curate of the Parish.

Number of members, 12.

Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society

Object

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room of the Parish Building, on the first Tuesday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Tuesdays for work or recreation.

Director
THE RECTOR

Branch Secretary
MISS S. ELIZABETH GILPIN

Hon. Associates
MISS ELLA WILLIAMSON
MISS HODGE
MRS. TUTWILER
MRS. H. P. BUSH
MISS CAROLINE BIDDLE
MISS BRODIE (Asso.)

Working Associates
MISS PEARSON (Asso.)
MRS. TUTWILER
MISS CORTER (Asso.)
MISS ELLEN C. WHARTON

Treasurer
MISS CORTER

Banner Bearer
MISS IDA KLOFACH

Number of members, 21; probationers, 3.

Guild of St. Agnes FOR THE YOUNGER GIRLS

Object

To inculcate the principles of holy living
and divine worship.

Director
THE CURATE

Superior
MISS BESSIE JENNINGS

Assistants
MISS STRETCH
MISS MAVIAN STRETCH

The Guild meets every Saturday evening.
Number of members, 24.

YEAR BOOK

CHURCH
OF THE
ASCENSION



BROAD and SOUTH STREETS

PHILADELPHIA

1913 - 1914

Officers

Clergy

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, D. D., Rector.

Warden

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D., Rector's Warden.

MILLARD F. ROBERTS, Accounting Warden.

To serve until Easter, 1915.

JOHN D. HENDERSON,

SPENCER ERVIN,

RICHARD GILPIN,

EDWARD F. PUGH.

To serve until Easter, 1916.

HARRY B. FRENCH,

WALTER M. NEWNAM,

JOHN S. NEWBOLD,

GEORGE M. COATES, M. D.

To serve until Easter, 1917.

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.

CHARLES L. BORIE, Jr.

W. MOORE WHARTON,

MILLARD F. ROBERTS.

Deaconess

ELIZABETH WALKER.

Sexton

WILLIAM J. MORGAN.

The Choir

Choir Master and Organist

HENRY L. T. ULLRICH

Sopranos

George Wilson, Jr.	Stanley Hannums
Wm. Irwin	Harry Rodgers
Edward Ramonette	Frank Consolvi
Watson Mull	Wm. Bender
George Mull	Wm. Irwin
Henry Barr	Louis Klofack
Warren Medde	Arthur McNally
Henry Norris	Walter Norris
Max Bieberbach	Arthur Schofield
George Dennis	Edmund Schofield
Wesley Doherty	

Altos

John Owens	Charles McDermott
Harry Ritsert	

Tenors

Robert McNeill	W. W. J. Palmer
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Basses

Albert Challman	Benjamin R. Parker
George Fairchild	Clarke Wylie

Services

SUNDAYS.

- 7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer, with Litany during
Advent and Lent.
11.00 A. M.—Choral Communion.
4.00 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer and Sermon.

HOLY DAYS.

- 7.00 and 10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

WEEK-DAYS.

- 9.00 A. M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion, during
Advent and Lent.
10.00 A. M.—Daily Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Daily Evening Prayer.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesdays, from Nov. to May,
Evening Prayer and Lecture.

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- 3.00 P. M.—Sunday-school.
2.45 P. M.—Bible Classes.
10.00 A. M.—Saturdays, Industrial School, from
November to Easter.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings
during the winter.

Statistics

For the Year Ending May 1, 1914.

Baptisms		
Adults	8	
Infants	15	
Total		23
Confirmed		
Male	5	
Female	14	
Total		19
Communicants added, new	19	
Received from other parishes	5	
Total		24
Died	9	
Removed	26	
Present number	483	
Marriages	4	
Burials	18	
Services, Sundays	246	
Weekdays	973	
Total		1219
Average attendance, Sundays	137	
Average attendance, Weekdays	12	
Celebration of the Holy Communion:		
Public	403	
Private	5	
Total		408
Number of Communion made	1586	
Number of Sermons Preached	158	
Children catechised (times)	240	
Number of families known to the		
Clergy, about	300	
Number of Individuals, about	700	
Number of scholars in Sunday school ..	74	
Number of scholars in Bible classes ..	25	
Number of scholars in Industrial School	30	

Financial Statistics

For the Year Ending May 1, 1914

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, Guilds and individual contributions (all being free-will offerings)	\$6,347.21
Investments	697.45
Other sources	737.90
Total	\$7,782.56

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Clergy and Sexton	\$2,877.97
Music	1,526.93
Improvements	192.00
Miscellaneous	1,452.24
Convention Fund	182.42
Endowment Fund	52.30
Charities:	
Poor	\$457.27
Schools and Guilds	299.21
Domestic Missions	111.65
Foreign Missions	21.30
Colored Missions	14.90
Indian Missions	23.40
General Missions	638.30
Diocesan Missions	20.90
Sustentation Fund	25.18
Female Tract Society	10.00
Prayer Book Society	5.00
Episcopal Hospital	13.03
Clergy Relief	9.60
United Offering	29.16
Bishop's Purse	12.81
Other Charities	17.25
Total	1,718.96
Deficit, including that of pre- vious year	8,002.82
Total	\$505.00

THE church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give, according to his ability as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute toward the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in nowise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count.

The duplex envelope system is used. Each envelope has two pockets, one for offerings for the current expenses of the church and the other for benevolent or missionary objects. They are sent out

quarterly to each attendant of the church with a request to use them.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscriptions and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year: A walnut folding table, a small stand, a large cabinet organ, a closet for vestments, a gas cooking range, standard Bible bound in seal leather, carved wooden crucifix for sacristy, glass inkstand, thermometer, gas burner and 3 Brussels rugs for sacristy, 2 droplights with ruby shades, 31 photographs of the Bishop of the Diocese for the members of the Confirmation class, 21 copies of Prayer Book for the Boy Scouts, 12 grapefruit glasses, photograph framed of

clergy, choir and vergers, 24 cards for St. Agnes Guild, printed notices of church services, Bible and 34 books for Parish and Sunday School libraries, 2 plaster hands for models, a guitar, paint for walls and ceiling and oil for floor of the Guild room, and painting and oiling of the same, a number of small games for children, and large numbers of illustrated papers and magazines, and cake and provisions for various entertainments, 16 tons of coal and quantity of partly worn clothing, shoes, hats, etc., for the poor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday, except during four summer months, at 3.00 P. M., followed by service in the church. A picnic and a number of entertainments were provided for the scholars during the year. The total collections of and for the Sunday School have been \$147.47, of which \$31.08 was collected by the scholars during Lent for missions.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday, from November to Easter, for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given them. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing and paint-

ing; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called *The Ascension News* is published monthly, except in July, August and September, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the Church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

ENDOWMENT FUND.—It is very much to be desired that this fund, which is now only about \$14,000, should be greatly increased. The church needs an enlarged income, which can only be secured and its future permanently provided for in this way. The offerings on Ascension day are by order of the Vestry devoted to this purpose. It is hoped that all who can do so will try to swell this fund by gifts or bequests.

FORM OF BEQUEST.—I give, devise and bequeath to "the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia,"

Women's Guild

MASTER
THE RECTOR
Ex-officio

All female communicants of the Parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All services and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its Head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—Festival of St. Simon and St. Jude.

MISSIONARY CHAPTER

The members of this Chapter represent the Parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this Chapter constitute a Parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, which holds regular missionary meetings on the first Friday of every month, Mrs. Thomas Neilson being president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary.

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)
Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin
Mrs. John Bradley

Foreign Missions

Mrs. Chandler Hare
Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)
Mrs. H. Christian

Colored Missions

Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge
Miss Thomazine Ashbridge
Mrs. George M. Coates
Mrs. Wirt Tutwiler

Indian Missions

Miss S. E. Gilpin
Miss Charlotte W. Hare

Diocesan Missions

Miss Annie Chamberlaine
Miss Helen H. Hodge

Treasurer of United Offering Fund
Mrs. M. F. Roberts

Missionary Box Committee

Miss Mary Chamberlaine
Mrs. T. Leaming Smith

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Isabel Schell

Church Periodical Club

Mrs. M. F. Roberts

REPORT

Domestic Committee

Money collected, \$71.87, of which \$23.65 was paid the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$48.22 was expended in the purchase of articles for a missionary box. A box valued at \$80.00 was sent to a clergyman in South Dakota, containing a clerical suit, cassock, collars, socks, handkerchiefs, ladies, do., dress and stockings, baby's wrapper, dresses, hood and cap. Also household linen.

Another, chiefly of clerical clothing, was sent to the Archdeacon of Tennessee, for some of his clergy, valued at \$50.

Foreign Committee

Money collected, \$21.30, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in several foreign schools.

Colored Committee

Money collected, \$14.90, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for missionary work in the South.

Indian Committee

Money collected, \$23.40, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$20.90, which was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese.

United Offering

Amount collected for the year, \$29.16.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$10.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$5.00.

Church Periodical Society

Seventeen persons send regularly to particular addresses 21 magazines or papers;

332 magazines were sent to the church for distribution. Contributions for postage, \$3.25.

Persons in the Parish having magazines and papers to dispose of are requested to obtain from the Secretary, Mrs. F. Roberts, 2524 S. Lambert Street, the names and addresses of the persons to whom they can send them, or to send them to the church for distribution. Small yearly contributions to pay for the postage on papers sent from the church are also asked for.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the clergy, that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

Members

Deaconess Walker	Miss Helen H. Hodge
Miss C. W. Hare	Mrs. H. Christian
Mrs. Coates	Mrs. Cobb
Mrs. Busch	Miss A. Young
Miss Clara Williamson	

Report

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter, consisting of material obtained from the Presbyterians and Jefferson Hospitals, and the Church Home for Children, which the women made up. Thirteen hundred and eighty-eight pieces were made, including women's gowns, surgeons' gowns, sheets, children's gowns, etc. Sixteen tons of coal were given out, and a Thanksgiving turkey dinner was provided for some twenty-five women and children in the Parish building. Christmas baskets of provisions or delicacies were sent to 16 families, and an ice cream supper and a number of small teas were also given to the members. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, etc., given to the more needy members of the meeting. Several children and grown people had outings of from one to two weeks in length in the country. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. All the members were visited, in some cases very frequently. Total amount expended, \$462.19.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule

of the church, or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Altar Chapter

Members

Miss Parmelee	Mrs. Christian
Miss Alice Rousseau	Mrs. Roberts
Miss Barrington	Miss Schell
Mrs. Barrett	Misses Hodge
Miss M. J. Gilpin	Miss Dickerson
Miss Alice Smith	Mrs. Walker
Misses Epprecht	(Asso.)
(Asso.)	Miss Palmgren
Mrs. Busch	Mrs. Cobb
Mrs. Bird	Misses Stretch

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

Report

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: Seven embroidered stoles as orders—three for sale, and two for the church. Also three surplices, a linen maniple, two fair linen cloths for St. Saviour's

altar, and a cere cloth for the same. A number of articles were repaired. Amount expended for materials, \$73.78.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The committee provided two bouquets for the main altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. Five did the washing of the fine linens of the church. Two members of this committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, another one supplied the altar candles, St. Agnes' Guild and Girls' Friendly the altar bread and half of the flowers for the St. Saviour's Altar.

Total amount received by this committee during the year, \$131.75; amount expended, \$131.17.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

Members

Mrs. Harris	Miss Anna Anderson
Miss Marion Stretch	Misses Hodge
Miss M. J. Gilpin	Miss Margaret Mull
Miss Lily Rowland	Miss Roe
(Asso.)	Mrs. Maginnis
Miss May Stretch	Miss Anne Carpenter
Miss Agnes Martin	Miss Margaret Kent
Miss Hulinger	Miss Violet Gratz
Deaconess Walker	(Asso.)

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Mrs. Carmen	Miss Lucey Perry
Miss Caroline Biddle	

Report

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The Chapter also made up during Lent a box for St. Andrew's School, Sewanee, Tenn., of 197 articles of clothing, the whole valued at \$50.00.

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Mr. Albert Challman	(Asso.)
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Mr. Joseph Glazer Mr. W. M. Newnam
Mr. Arthur Challman Mr. Wm. Whitehurst
Mr. Charles McDermott Mr. Clark Wylie

Report

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Secretary
MR. ALEXANDER BOGGS
Treasurer
MR. RAYMOND REEVES
Banner Bearer
MR. LEON SHELTON

Number of members, 23.

Junior St. John's Guild

BOY SCOUT BAND
Director

THE RECTOR
President

MR. GEORGE MULL
Treasurer

MR. JOHN JONES
Secretary

* **MR. CHARLES McDERMOTT**
Scout Master and Gymnastic Trainer

MR. RAYMOND REEVES
Banner Bearer

MR. JOHN BARR

Guild meets on Monday evenings during the winter months.

Number of members, 20.

St. Alban's Guild

To train boys and young men to act as acolytes and servers in the services of the Church, and impress them with the sacredness and importance of their duties.

The Guild meets at the call of its Head, Mr. Raymond Reeves.

Number of members, 9.

Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society

Object

To help and encourage young women to lead devout and useful lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

It meets in the Guild room of the Parish Building, on the first Tuesday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Tuesdays for work or recreation.

Director
THE RECTOR

Branch Secretary
MISS S. ELIZABETH GILPIN

Hon. Associates

MISS ELLA WILLIAMSON

MISS HODGE

MRS. TUTWILER

MRS. H. P. BUSCH

MISS CAROLINE BIDDLE

MISS BRODIE (Asso.)

Working Associates

MISS MARY CHAMBERLAINE

MRS. LIPPINCOTT

MISS ELLEN C. WHARTON

Treasurer

MRS. LIPPINCOTT

Banner Bearer

MISS IDA KLOFACH

Number of members, 12; probationers, 1;
Hon. associates, 7; working associates, 4;
Married Branch helper, 1.

Guild of St. Agnes

FOR THE YOUNGER GIRLS

Object

To inculcate the principles of holy living
and divine worship.

Director

THE RECTOR

Superior

DEACONESS WALKER

The Guild meets every Saturday evening.
Number of members, 20.

YEAR BOOK

*Church
of the
Ascension*

BROAD and SOUTH STREETS
PHILADELPHIA

1914 - 1915

Officers

Clergy

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, D. D.,
Rector.

The Rev. RICHARD J. MORRIS, Curate.

Wardens

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.,
Rector's Warden.

MILLARD F. ROBERTS, Accounting Warden.

To serve until Easter, 1916.

HARRY B. FRENCH,
WALTER M. NEWNAM,
JOHN S. NEWBOLD,
GEORGE M. COATES, M. D.

To serve until Easter, 1917.

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.
CHARLES L. BORIE, Jr.
W. MOORE WHARTON,
MILLARD F. ROBERTS.

To serve until Easter, 1918.

JOHN D. HENDERSON,
SPENCER ERVIN,
R. HICKMAN YOUNG,
EDWARD F. PUGH.

Deaconess

MISS MARIE E. BOWEN.

Sexton

WILLIAM J. MORGAN.

The Choir

Choir Master and Organist

HENRY L. T. ULLRICH

Sopranos

George Wilson, Jr.	Stanley Hannums
Wm. Irwin	Robert Holt
Edward Ramonette	Wm. Bender
Watson Mull	Louis Klofack
Henry Barr	Benj. Norris
Warren Medde	Walter Norris
Henry Norris	Floyd Worthington
Max Bieberbach	Cavalier Worthington
George Dennis	John Berry
Wesley Doherty	

Altos

John Owens	Frank Consolvi
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Tenors

Robert McNeill	Wm. Perry
Edward Ives	

Basses

Albert Challman	Raymond Erwin
George Fairchild	

Services

SUNDAYS.

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer, with Litany
during Advent and Lent.
11.00 A. M.—Choral Communion.
4.00 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer.

HOLY DAYS.

7.30 and 10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.

WEEK-DAYS.

9.00 A. M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion,
during Advent and Lent.
10.00 A. M.—Daily Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Daily Evening Prayer.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesdays, from Nov. to May,
Evening Prayer and Lecture.

3.00 P. M.—Sunday-school.
3.00 P. M.—Rector's Bible Class for adults,
male and female.
10.00 A. M.—Saturdays, Industrial School,
from November to Easter.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday evenings during the winter.

Statistics

For the Year Ending May 1, 1915.

Baptisms		
Adults	1	
Infants	12	
Total		13
Confirmed		
Male	8	
Female	5	
Total		13
Communicants added, new	11	
Received from other parishes	16	
Total		24
Died	6	
Removed	38	
Present number	466	
Marriages	6	
Burials	14	
Services, Sundays	158	
Weekdays	652	
Total		810
Average adult attendance, Sundays	122	
Average adult attendance, Weekdays	12	
Celebrations of the Holy Communion:		
Public	251	
Private	4	
Total		255
Number of Communions made	1257	
Number of Sermons Preached	156	
Children catechised (times)	80	
Number of families known to the Clergy, about	300	
Number of Individuals, about	700	
Number of scholars in Sunday-school	75	
Number of scholars in Bible classes	30	
Number of scholars in Industrial School	40	

Financial Statistics

For the Year Ending May 1, 1915.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, Guilds and individual contributions (all being free-will offerings).....	\$7,537.55
Investments	629.34
Other sources	409.10
Total	\$8,575.99

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Clergy and Sexton.....	\$2,987.05
Music	1,550.00
Miscellaneous	1,667.96
Convention Fund	185.74
Endowment Fund	252.65
Charities:	
Poor	\$500.44
Schools and Guilds	275.10
Domestic Missions	116.00
Foreign Missions	12.60
Colored Missions	11.15
Indian Missions	13.10
General Missions	676.85
Diocesan Missions	143.20
Sustentation Fund	30.57
Female Tract Society	8.00
Prayer Book Society.....	5.00
Episcopal Hospital	56.64
Clergy Relief	16.61
United Offering	67.55
Bishop's Purse	15.50
Other Charities	68.75
Total	2,006.06

Total	\$8,652.50
Deficit, including that of previous year	\$412.15

THE church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give, according to his ability as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute toward the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in nowise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count.

The duplex envelope system is used. Each envelope has two pockets, one for offerings for the current expenses of the church and the other for benevolent or missionary objects. They are sent out

quarterly to each attendant of the church with a request to use them.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscriptions and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

In accordance with the charter of the church, every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year:

A reproduction in bronze of Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper as a memorial to the late Mrs. John Hare Powel and Mrs. Samuel Miller Peters, an old copy of the Madonna of "the Rabbit," a porcelain head of the Christ by Solney Rex, a hardwood stand for it and the Altar cross on S. Saviour's Altar, three oil paintings in gilt frames hung in the choir room, a water color picture in gilt frame, a wooden stand for pictures containing a large number of beautiful photographs, a large hardwood bu-

reau for ladies' work room, a brass fender for register, two Welsbach gas lights, 25 new Prayer Books, 48 Hymnals for the Church, 16 books for the Parish and Sunday-school libraries, four dozen large candles, five games for children, 20 pairs of gymnasium shoes for Boys' Guild, prizes for Boys' Guild, linen tablecloth three yards long, ink eraser, blotters, writing pads, pens, rubber bands, envelopes and postage stamps, for Vestry, the painting of walls and ceiling of Guild room, oiling floor of same, a load of rich earth, half a bushel of bone dust, a large number of hollyhocks and privet sprigs for the church grounds, a Morris chair and cushions, cards of invitation to Men's Club meetings and of notices of Mission, a number of signs of church services, large numbers of illustrated papers and magazines, and cake and provisions for various entertainments, ten and a half tons of coal and quantity of partly worn clothing, shoes, hats, etc., for the poor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and male and female Bible classes, which have met every Sunday, except during three summer months, at 3.00 P. M., followed by service in the church. A picnic and a number of entertainments were provided for the scholars during the year. The total collections of and for the Sunday School have been \$82.76, of which \$11.65 was collected

by the scholars during Lent for missions.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday, from November to Easter, for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given them. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys drawing, painting and wood carving, the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called *The Ascension News* is published monthly, except in July, August and September, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the Church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

ENDOWMENT FUND.—It is very much to be desired that this fund, which is now only about \$14,000, should be greatly increased. The church needs an enlarged income, which can only be secured and its future permanently provided for in this way. The offerings on Ascension day are by order of the Vestry devoted to this purpose. It is hoped that all who can do so will try to swell this fund by gifts or bequests.

FORM OF BEQUEST.—I give, devise and bequeath to "the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia,"

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Anniversary—Festival of St. Simon and St. Jude.

MISSIONARY CHAPTER

The members of this Chapter represent the Parish in the different branches of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this Chapter constitute a Parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, which holds regular missionary meetings on the first Friday of every month during the winter. Mrs. Thomas Neilson being president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary.

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)
Mrs. Richard A. Gilpin
Mrs. John Bradley

Foreign Missions

Mrs. Chandler Hare
Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)
Mrs. H. Christian

Colored Missions

Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge
Mrs. Wirt Tutwiler

Indian Missions

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Miss L. P. Baugh (Asso.)
Miss Charlotte W. Hare

Diocesan Missions

Miss H. A. Baugh (Asso.)
Miss Helen H. Hodge

Treasurer of United Offering Fund

Mrs. M. F. Roberts

Missionary Box Committee

Mrs. T. Learning Smith

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Isabel Schell

Church Periodical Club

Mrs. M. F. Roberts

REPORT

Domestic Committee

Money collected, \$116.00, of which \$62.00 was paid the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$54.00 was expended in the purchase of articles for a missionary box. A box valued at \$100.00 was sent to a clergyman in Wisconsin, containing a clerical suit, two other suits, overcoat, shoes, night shirts, gloves, shirts, collars, socks, handkerchiefs, ladies' dress, shoes, stockings, fur coat, cloth cape, night gowns, combinations, sheets, towels, pillow cases, work basket filled and other small articles.

Foreign Committee

Money collected, \$12.60, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in several foreign schools.

Colored Committee

Money collected, \$11.15, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for missionary work in the South.

Indian Committee

Money collected, \$13.10, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$18.60, which was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese.

United Offering

Amount collected for the year, \$69.55.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$8.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$5.00.

Church Periodical Society

Twenty persons send regularly to particular addresses 33 magazines or papers; 566 magazines and 60 Christmas cards were sent to hospitals, homes, etc. Contributions for postage, \$8.00.

Persons in the Parish having magazines and papers or old books to dispose of are requested to obtain from the Secretary, Mrs. M. F. Roberts, 2524 S. Lambert Street, the names and addresses of the persons to whom they can send them, or to send them to the church for distribution. Small yearly contributions to pay for the postage on papers sent from the church are also asked for.

Beneficial Chapter

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the clergy, that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

Members

Miss Marie Bowen (Asso.)
Mrs. T. L. Smith
Deaconess Walker (Asso.)
Miss C. W. Hare
Miss Helen H. Hodge
Mrs. H. Christian
Miss Lydia W. Drinker (Asso.)
Miss Augusta H. Murphy (Asso.)
Miss Henrietta Walsh

Four ladies in succession served as Parish visitors in charge of the benevolent work of the Parish during the year. The others assisted them.

Report

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednes-

day evenings during the winter, consisting of material obtained from the Presbyterian and Jefferson Hospitals, and the Church Home for Children, which the women made up. Fourteen hundred and six pieces were made, including surgeons' gowns, sheets, pillow cases, table cloths, towels, caps, dresses, aprons, etc. Ten tons of coal were given out, and a Thanksgiving turkey dinner was provided for some twenty-five women and children in the Parish building. Christmas baskets of provisions or delicacies were sent to 17 families, and an ice cream supper and a number of small teas were also given to the members. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, etc., were given to the more needy members of the meeting. Several children and grown people had outings of from one to two weeks in length in the country. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. All the members were visited very frequently. Total amount expended, \$476.56.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church, or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

Alter Chapter

Members

Miss Parmelee
Miss Alice Rousseau
Miss Barrington
Mrs. Barrett
Miss M. J. Gilpin
Miss Alice Smith
Misses Epprecht (Asso.)
Mrs. Busch
Mrs. Bird
Miss Parke
Mrs. Carman
Mrs. Christian
Mrs. Roberts
Miss Schell
Misses Hodge
Miss Dickerson

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

Report

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: A violet silk altar cloth, chalice veil and burse, a linen corporal and a fair linen chalice veil executed as orders, a white silk super-frontal, a violet stole, a stiff pall, an embroidered linen credence

cover and six stole protectors and a linen girdle were made for the Church.

Amount expended for materials, \$227.22.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after Morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The committee provided two bouquets for the main altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. Five did the washing of the fine linens of the church. Two members of this committee have had charge of the altar and its vestments each month.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, another one supplied the altar candles and the Girls' Friendly the altar bread and half of the flowers for the St. Saviour's Altar

Total amount received by this committee during the year, \$125.44; amount expended, \$122.33.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

School Chapter

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools or other Church Schools.

Members

Mrs. Harris	Miss Anna Anderson
Miss M. J. Gilpin	Misses Hodge
Miss Hofmann	Miss Margaret Mull
Miss Drinker	Mrs. Cobb
(Asso.)	Mrs. L. B. Baugh
Miss Murphy	(Asso.)
(Asso.)	Miss H. A. Baugh
Miss Bowen	(Asso.)
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Report

Balance on hand from previous year, \$21.63. Money received, \$11.00; expended, \$32.63.

Twenty cottas and six cassocks were made for the choir, a surplice for church. The cassocks, surplices and cottas of the clergy and choir were also kept in repair.

The Chapter made up during Lent 41 articles of clothing, which were distributed among the poor of the Parish, and 26 pieces were sent to the Emergency Fund, the whole valued at \$15.00.

Twenty-five and a half yards of linen for cottas and twenty-three and three-

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Major Moses Veal	Mr. Richard Gilpin
(Asso.)	

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Director

THE CURATE

Senior Patrol Leader

NORMAN HAYES

Patrol Leader

ALBERT EISINGER

Assistant Patrol Leaders

WILLIAM BENDER and GEORGE McLAUGHLIN

Scribe

EDWARD MARSH

Scout Master and Gymnastic Trainer

MR. RAYMOND REEVES

Banner Bearer

MR. JOHN BARR

Guild meets on Monday evenings during the winter months.

Number of members, 20.

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Number of members, 8.

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Branch Secretary

MISS S. ELIZABETH GILPIN

Hon. Associates

MISS ELLA WILLIAMSON

MISS HODGE

MRS. TUTWILER

MRS. H. P. BUSCH

MISS BRODIE (Asso.)

MISS McKNIGHT

Working Associates

MISS MARY CHAMBERLAINE

MRS. LIPPINCOTT

MISS ELLEN C. WHARTON

Treasurer

MRS. LIPPINCOTT (Asso.)

Banner Bearer

MISS IDA KLOFACH

Number of members, 16: probationers, 3;
Hon. associates, 6: working associates, 4;
Married Branch helper, 1.

Guild of St. Agnes

FOR THE YOUNGER GIRLS

Object

To inculcate the principles of holy living and divine worship.

Director

THE CURATE

Superior

MISS MARIE E. BOWEN

The Guild meets every Saturday evening.

Number of members, 15.

YEAR BOOK

Church
of the
Ascension



Broad and South Streets

Philadelphia

1916-1917

OFFICERS

Clergy

The Rev. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, D. D., Rector.

REV. RICHARD J. MORRIS, Curate.

Wardens

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D., Rector's Warden.

MILLARD F. ROBERTS, Accounting Warden.

To serve until Easter, 1918.

JOHN D. HENDERSON,
SPENCER ERVIN,
R. HINCKMAN YOUNG,
JOHN W. PATTEN.

To serve until Easter, 1919.

HARRY B. FRENCH,
WALTER M. NEWNAM,
JOHN S. NEWBOLD,
GEORGE M. COATES, M. D.

To serve until Easter, 1920.

THOMAS R. NEILSON, M. D.
CHARLES L. BOBIE, Jr.
W. MOORE WHARTON,
MILLARD F. ROBERTS.

Sexton

WILLIAM J. MORGAN.

THE CHOIR

Organist and Choir Master

PHILIP F. ALBURGER

Sopranos

Wm. Atkinson	Charles Lee
John P. Berry	George McCord
Leon Bunning	Edward Morrison
George J. Dennis	Watson D. Mull
William Donnolo	Benjamin Norris
Paul Dull	Richard Norris
Philip Fritz	Walter Norris
William Godfrey	Charles Ritsert
Earl Gold	Edward Romnette
Harry C. Hansen	Wm. Seiffert
Robert E. Holt	Geo. A. Wilson, Jr.
Norman Kaufman	Harold Ziegler
Frank B. Kohlhund	

Altos

Henry W. Barr	Warren M. Medde
John G. Owens	

Tenors

Robert M. MacNeill	George H. Morgan
Walter D. Ullrich	

Basses

Chester F. Myers	George Fairchild
Louis J. Klotack	

SERVICES

SUNDAYS.

7.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer, with Litany
during Advent and Lent.
11.00 A. M.—Choral Communion.
3.00 P. M.—Instruction.
4.00 P. M.—Choral Evening Prayer.

HOLY DAYS.

7.30 and 10.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.

WEEK-DAYS.

9.00 A. M.—Thursdays, Holy Communion,
during Advent and Lent.
10.00 A. M.—Daily Morning Prayer.
5.00 P. M.—Daily Evening Prayer.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesdays, from Nov. to May,
Evening Prayer and Lecture.

3.00 P. M.—Sunday-school.

3.00 P. M.—Bible Classes.

10.00 A. M.—Saturdays, Industrial School,
from November to Easter.

The Parish Library is open Wednesday even-
ings during the winter.

STATISTICS

For the Year Ending May 1, 1917.

Baptisms		
Adults	2	
Infants	10	
Total		12
Confirmed		
Male	6	
Female	6	
Total		12
Communicants added, new	15	
Received from other parishes	7	
Total		22
Died	10	
Removed	36	
Present number	432	
Marriages	4	
Burials	15	
Services, Sundays	147	
Weekdays	600	
Total		747
Celebration of Holy Communion:		
Public	193	
Private	10	
Total		203
Number of Communion made	1462	
Number of Sermons Preached	116	
Children catechised (times)	86	
Number of families known to the		
Clergy, about	280	
Number of Individuals, about	600	
Number of scholars in Sunday school	68	
Number of scholars in Bible classes	20	
Number of scholars in Industrial		
School	48	

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

For the Year Ending May 1, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

Through the Offertory, Alms Chests, Guilts and individual contributions (all being free-will offerings)	\$7,320.75
Investments	554.24
Other sources	128.75
Legacy	1,000.00
Total	\$9,003.74

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Clergy and Sexton	\$2,184.15
Misc	1,650.00
Miscellaneous	1,612.62
Convention Fund	200.69
Endowment Fund	1,045.56
Improvements	250.00
Charities:	
Poor	\$487.91
Schools and Guilds	316.08
General Missions	879.81
Diocesan Missions	150.44
Sustentation Fund	25.24
Female Tract Society	8.00
Prayer Book Society	5.00
Episcopal Hospital	14.62
Clergy Relief	14.90
United Offering	77.30
Bishop's Purse	5.73
Pension Fund	280.00
War Relief	18.80
Immigration Commission	35.50
Periodical Club	4.65
Total	2,243.98
Deficit (including that of previous year)	\$9,187.09

The church is entirely free, no special seat being sold, rented or appropriated to any one. Every one, whether a stranger or regular worshipper, is at liberty to attend any of the services and sit in any seat he may prefer, which is not occupied at the time. The church depends for its support entirely on the free-will offerings of the worshippers, made through the offertory at the principal services. Every attendant is expected to give, according to his ability as a voluntary offering, what in another church he would pay as pew rent, and to regard his giving as an act of worship to Almighty God, and so to be discharged as in His sight.

Each person is asked to make a pledge for the amount he will contribute toward the support of the church, weekly or monthly, and the Warden provides him with envelopes in which his offerings are put. The pledge can be altered or withdrawn at any time and in nowise interferes with the freedom of the seats. Its object is to secure regularity and system, and to enable the Vestry to know on what income they can count.

The duplex envelope system is used. Each envelope has two pockets, one for offerings for the current expenses of the church and the other for benevolent or missionary objects. They are sent out quarterly to each attendant of the church with a request to use them.

All the offertories, unless otherwise announced, are for the support of the church—the payment of salaries, the music, incidental expenses, etc. Alms chests are placed in the vestibule of the church to receive offerings for special purposes—the poor, missions, improvements, etc.

In a rack near the door of the church will be found forms for subscriptions and also extra envelopes for different purposes for all who may desire to use them.

In accordance with the charter of the church every one who has been a communicant member of the church for a year, and who has contributed to its support through the envelope system, is entitled to vote for Vestrymen.

The following articles have been presented to the church during the past year:

A silk American flag for use in the church, violet brocade velvet for a cope with an amethyst cross for the same, four zinc holders for flower vases, two bottles of sacramental wine, one hundred sticks of candy for the Christmas festival, piece of fine embroidered linen for altar, two table-cloths and two towels, twelve tons of coal for the poor and three half-price orders for the same.

A number of books for the Parish and Sunday School libraries, and large numbers of illustrated papers and magazines, cakes and provisions for various entertain-

ments, and a quantity of partly worn clothing, shoes, hats, etc., for the poor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—It has consisted of the main school, infant school and a male and female Bible class, which have met every Sunday, except during three summer months, at 3.00 P. M., followed by the service in the church. A Festival at Christmas, a picnic and a number of entertainments were provided for the scholars during the year. The total collections of and for the Sunday School have been \$90.17, of which \$23.77 was collected by the scholars during Lent for missions.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—Its sessions have been held every Saturday, from November to Easter, for an hour and a half after morning prayer, which the children attend, and after which a short instruction is given them. The girls are taught sewing and knitting, and the boys wood carving, drawing and painting; the smaller ones cut out and paste pictures in scrap books.

PARISH PAPER.—A paper called *The Ascension News* is published monthly, except in July, August and September, for the purpose of disseminating information in regard to the Church and its services. It is distributed gratuitously, but parishioners are asked to subscribe 50 cents a year each to defray its cost. Those who subscribe receive the paper by mail.

ENDOWMENT FUND.—It is very much to be desired that this fund, which is now only about \$14,000, should be greatly increased. The church needs an enlarged income, which can only be secured and its future permanently provided for, in this way. The offerings on Ascension day are by order of the Vestry devoted to this purpose. It is hoped that all who can do so will try to swell this fund by gifts or bequests.

FORM OF BEQUEST.—I give, devise and bequeath to "the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia,"

THE WATSON MEMORIAL.—The plan for transforming the parish into the Watson Memorial Church has not yet been perfected. The Bishop, Standing Committee and Convention of the Diocese have each given their consent to the change of the name of the Church to that of St. Mary's as required by Mrs. Watson's will, but the application to the court for its sanction has not been made as the legacy has not yet been paid to the Trustees of the Diocese. As soon as this is done, it is the purpose of the Bishop to take charge of the church and use it for diocesan purposes. The architectural plans have been completed and approved by the Bishop and Architectural Commission of the Diocese, but owing to the greatly increased cost of

building, and the impossibility of obtaining possession of the property north of the church until the expiration of the present lease which will not be until October, 1918, no building will probably be undertaken at present.

Women's Guild

MASTER.

THE RECTOR

ExOfficio

All female Communicants of the Parish are considered members of the Guild; others attending the church, but not Communicants, may become members upon application to the Master. Women belonging to other parishes may become Associates.

The work of the Guild is committed to Chapters having charge of different departments of work. All services and all offerings are entirely voluntary. The work of each Chapter is apportioned and directed by its Head, who is selected from among its members by the Master, in consultation with him.

Anniversary—Festival of St. Simon and St. Jude.

MISSIONARY CHAPTER

The members of this Chapter represent the Parish in the different branches of the

Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions or other benevolent societies. Their duties are to attend the meetings of the committees to which they belong, to collect and transmit funds, and to superintend the making up and sending of missionary boxes.

The members of this Chapter constitute a Parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, which holds regular missionary meetings on the first Friday of every month, Mrs. Thomas Neilson being president; Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge, secretary.

DELEGATES

Domestic Missions.

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)
Mrs. John Bradley
Mrs. T. L. Smith

Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Thomas Neilson (Asso.)
Miss H. A. Baugh (Asso.)
Miss Mary Chamberlaine

Colored Missions.

Mrs. G. Woolsey Hodge
Mrs. Wirt Tutwiler

Indian Missions

Miss S. E. Gilpin
Miss Barrington

Diocesan Missions

Mrs. H. Christian
Mrs. George M. Coates

Convocation Auxiliary

Miss Barrington
Miss Carmen

Treasurer of United Offering Fund

Mrs. M. F. Roberts

Missionary Box Committee

Mrs. T. Leaming Smith

Female Prayer Book Society

Miss Annie Chamberlaine

Female Tract Society

Miss Isabel Schell

Church Periodical Club

Mrs. Samuel Wagner

REPORT

Domestic Committee

Money collected, \$108.25, of which \$56.25 was paid the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and \$52.00 was expended in the purchase of articles for a missionary box. A box valued at \$80.00 was sent to a clergyman in North Carolina, containing wearing apparel

for him, his wife and daughter, household linens, books, work basket filled and smaller items for the household.

Foreign Committee

Money collected, \$14.40, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for insurance on lives of missionaries and the maintenance of scholarships in several foreign schools.

Colored Committee

Money collected, \$12.40, which was paid to the Woman's Auxiliary for missionary work in the South. A number of pieces of clothing were sent to a colored clergyman in the South.

Indian Committee

Money collected, \$19.40, which was given to the work of the Indian Hope Association.

Diocesan Committee

Money collected, \$17.25, which was paid into the treasury of the Diocesan Committee for the benefit of the various churches and missions in the diocese.

United Offering

Amount collected for the year, \$77.80.

Female Prayer Book Society

Money collected, \$8.00.

Female Tract Society

Money collected, \$5.00.

Church Periodical Society

Fourteen monthly magazines and ten weekly papers were sent regularly to particular addresses, 351 magazines, 100 Christmas cards and 10 scrap books have been sent to various persons and institutions.

Contributions for postage and expenses, \$2.50.

Persons in the Parish having magazines and papers to dispose of are requested to obtain from the Secretary, Mrs. Samuel Wagner, 410 South Fifteenth Street, the names and addresses of the person to whom they can send them, or to send them to the church for distribution. Small yearly contributions to pay for the postage on papers sent from the church are also asked for.

BENEFICIAL CHAPTER

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to look after and visit the poor, to investigate all applications for relief, and to report them to the clergy, that they may be attended to, and, if needy, relieved from the Poor Fund. They have charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and of the reception and disbursement of articles for the poor.

Members

Miss A. Young	Mrs. T. L. Smith
Miss C. W. Hare	Miss C. Williamson
Mrs. H. Christian	Miss Walsh

Report.

The members of this Chapter have regularly visited all the families whose names have been given to them by the clergy and conducted a weekly Mothers' Meeting. Work was regularly given out on Wednesday evenings during the winter, consisting of material obtained from the Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, German and Jefferson Hospitals, and the Church Home for Children, also Red Cross work, which the women made up. One thousand one hundred and fifty-nine pieces were made, including ward and surgeons' gowns, towels, etc. Twelve tons of coal and three orders of half-price coal were given out, and a Thanksgiving turkey dinner was provided for some twenty-five women and children in the Parish building. Christmas baskets of provisions or delicacies were sent to 15 families. A large number of garments, pairs of shoes, hats, etc., were given to the more needy members of the meeting. Several children and grown people had outings of from one to two weeks in length in the country. Some were helped with their house rent or temporary loans in cases of necessity. Total amount expended, \$487.91.

Offerings for this work may be placed in the alms box for the poor in the vestibule of the church, or handed to the ladies in charge of the Mothers' Meeting, and partially worn or cast-off clothing of any description can be sent to the church any day during the week.

ALTAR CHAPTER

Members

Miss Parmelee	Mrs. Busch
Miss Alice Rousseau	Mrs. Bird
Miss Barrington	Mrs. Christian
Mrs. Barrett	Mrs. Roberts
Miss Alice Smith	Miss Schell
Misses Epprecht	Mrs. Carmen
(Asso.)	Miss Parke
Miss Perry	

The duties of the members of this Chapter are the providing and caring for the vestments and linen of the altar, clergy and choir, and furnishing the same for feeble and missionary churches, or as orders.

Report

Vestment and Embroidery Committee

The following articles were made during the year: A white embroidered super frontal, pulpit fall and markers were made up. A violet embroidered chasuble was made for the rector, and a violet cope and

two embroidered amices, and a corporal for the church, a stole was relined and work done on an embroidered white altar cloth. Amount expended for materials, \$62.89.

The class meets every Thursday during the winter months after Morning prayer, and any ladies desiring to learn embroidery are invited to join it.

Sanctuary Committee

The committee provided two bouquets for the main altar on Sundays and Holy days throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent; also additional floral decorations on the great festivals. On Thanksgiving Day the chancel was decorated with various fruits, which were afterwards given to the sick. Special donations of flowers have been received at various times, especially at Christmas and Easter. Five did the washing of the fine linens of the church. Members of this committee have charge of the altar and its vestments.

Two members of the Chapter have had care of the altar vessels, another one supplied the altar candles and one the altar breads for the main altar.

Total amount received by this committee during the year, \$117.23, amount expended, \$117.80.

Donations of money or flowers for these purposes can be given to Miss Parmelee, Treasurer.

SCHOOL CHAPTER

The members of this Chapter teach in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

Members

Miss Aucott	Miss M. J. Gilpin
Miss Parke	Miss Anna Anderson
Miss Klotack	Miss May Hodge
Miss Ely	Miss Boyle (Asso.)
Miss Tames	Mrs. Read
Miss Lily Rowland (Asso.)	Miss C. Williamson Mrs. Tutwiler

Report.

Five members of this Chapter taught in the main and infant Sunday School, and five in the Industrial School. One taught a young men's Bible Class. One teaches a class at the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

One serves as Superior of the Young Men's Guild.

The members of this Chapter prepared several festivals for the children of the Sunday School during the year, and a festival at Easter for the children of the Industrial School.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY

The members of this Chapter do sewing or fancy work in order to assist in the sup-

port of the church, or to provide things needed for it, or to sew for missionary purposes.

Members

Mrs. Barrett	Miss Spinney
Mrs. Carmen	Miss Lucey Perry
Mrs. Bird	Mrs. T. L. Smith
Mrs. Coates	

Report

Money received, \$45.00; expended, \$45.00.

Thirteen cottas and eight cossacks were made for the choir, two surplices for the church and a cossack and surplice for a missionary. The cossacks, surplices and cottas of the clergy and choir were also kept in repair.

The Chapter also made up during Lent a box for St. Andrew's School, Tennessee, containing 48 articles of clothing, 3 dozen cravates and 28 cakes of soap, the whole valued at \$17.00.

Men's Guild

MASTER

THE RECTOR

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Anniversary—All Saints' Day.

BENEFICIAL CHAPTER

The duties of the members of this Chapter are to investigate any cases of want or distress that may be referred to them by the Master, to obtain, if possible, situations for the unemployed and to report those who are in need and deserving of aid from the Poor Fund. Persons who are skilled in medicine and law may volunteer their professional services. This Chapter also has the direction of all efforts for the social or intellectual improvement of the poorer members of the Congregation.

Members

Dr. Thos. R. Neilson Mr. W. M. Newman
Mr. D. L. Witmer Dr. Geo. M. Coates
Mr. M. F. Roberts Mr. Wm. Morgan
Mr. Albert Challman Mr. R. Reeves
Mr. Henry B. Hodge Mr. Roy Seyfert

Report

A number of positions for men and boys were secured and several medical and legal cases were attended. Several have done visiting as members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

One has acted as Scout Master for the Parish Band and another as his assistant.

The Chapter conducted a club for men which held several meetings during the winter, at which some entertainment was given, together with smoking and refreshments.

SCHOOL CHAPTER

It is composed of all working in the Sunday and Industrial Schools.

Members

Mr. D. L. Witmer Mr. Raymond Reeves
Mr. Roy Seyfert

Report

Two members of this Chapter have taught classes in the Sunday School, one taught in the Chapel of St. Simon the Syrian.

LAY HELPERS' CHAPTER

It is composed of such as can act, when required, as lay readers, volunteers in the choir, servers, assistants in decorating the church for festivals, keeping records, etc.

Members

Mr. Wm. J. Morgan Mr. W. M. Newman
Mr. Raymond Reeves Dr. G. M. Coates
Mr. George Morgan Mr. George Ball
Mr. Chas. McDermott Mr. Geo. Kohlhund
Mr. R. H. Young Mr. Spencer Ervin
Mr. Louis Klofach Mr. George Jones
Mr. Frank Balsey Mr. John Barr

Report

Seven members of this Chapter have acted as lay servers and cross bearers. One played the organ regularly at the Wednesday evening service and on special occasions. One addressed notices. Another attended to the legal concerns of the Vestry. Another furnished typewritten leaflets for the Sunday School.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew PARISH CHAPTER

It meets the third Tuesday in each month during the winter.

Director

THE CURATE

Secretary

MR. WALTER M. NEWNAM

Treasurer

MR. R. H. YOUNG

Number of members, 20.

St. John's Guild

Object

To help and encourage the young men of the parish to live goodly and Christian lives, and to unite them in the fellowship of the Church.

The Guild meets in the Guild room in the Parish Building on the first Thursday of each month, except during the summer months, for devotion and the transaction of business, and on the other Thursdays of the month for recreation, use of gymnasium, etc.

Warden

THE CURATE

President

MR. JOHN OWENS

Secretary

MR. C. R. McDERMOTT

Treasurer

MR. GEORGE KOHLUND

Banner Bearer

MR. JOHN BARR

Number of members, 25.

Junior St. John's Guild

TROOP 63

Boy Scouts of America

Director

THE CURATE

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WILL M BENDER

Patrol Leaders

HARRY BARR

JOHN BARR

Assistant Patrol Leaders

MAX BEIREBACK

CHAS. McCANN

EMMETT CICCONE

Scribe

ROBERT HOLT

Scout Aid

MR. ROY B. SEYFERT

Scoutmaster

MR. RAYMOND REEVES

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MRS. TUTWILER
MRS. H. P. BUSCH
MISS BRODIE
MISS MCKNIGHT

Working Associates

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MISS MARY CHAMBERLAINE
MRS. LIPPINCOTT
MISS ELLEN C. WHARTON
MISS H. B. FULTON
MISS PERRY

Treasurer

MISS M. V. ELY

Banner Bearer

MISS IDA KLOFACH

Number of members, 13; probationers, 1;
Hon. associates, 4; working associates, 5;
Married Branch helper, 1.

Instructions in cooking, basket making and bead lessons were given, also a number of interesting talks by different persons. A supper and rummage sale were held. Gifts were sent to the Philadelphia Almshouse valued at \$6.15. Lenten sewing value \$6, other gifts, \$5. The Society of Little Gardens was joined and its exhibition and distribution of flowers was held in the Parish Building in the spring.

Branch expenses and Diocesan and central dues, \$22.06. Given for Bontoc Scholarship, \$5; for Indian missions, \$5. For Holiday House, \$3.70.

Guild of St. Agnes

FOR THE YOUNGER GIRLS.

Candidates' class for the Girls' Friendly.

Object

To inculcate the principles of holy living and divine worship.

Director

THE CURATE

Superior

MISS M. V. ELY

The Guild meets every Tuesday evening, when a devotional office is recited, after which there are games. The members are taken to places of amusement from time to time, and they also give occasional entertainments in the Parish Building.

Number of members, 20.